



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Skilling 1B

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Publishing in Grayling since 1879

50¢

## Suspected cocaine, heroin dealer arrested

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A downstate man suspected of drug dealing was arrested Sunday morning as a result of a tip received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

According to Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, the tip was received about 9:42 a.m. on February 22 and concerned a "suspicious drug situation" at the Hospitality House motel in Grayling.

Deputies, working together with the Grayling City Police and the S.T.I.N.G. Narcotics team, performed a traffic stop on 33-year old Bobby Tacker of Lincoln Park who is alleged to be dealing cocaine and heroin. Tacker was arrested without incident.

Wakefield said "several thousand dollars" worth of cocaine, heroin and marijuana was recovered. Scales, sales receipt books, drug paraphernalia and over \$800 in cash were also taken into custody as evidence.

Tacker's 1994 Mercury auto-



**Bobby Douglas Tacker**

mobile was taken for forfeiture and bond was set at \$25,000 cash. Tacker was arraigned February 24 in District Court on charges of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

He is also being held on a parole violation and remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

## Fugitive arrested after spotted by plow drivers

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A trip north for a wanted criminal came to a surprising end about 3 a.m. Friday morning, thanks to actions taken by a quick thinking 911 dispatcher and two alert road commission plow truck drivers.

Ryan David Hall, 23 of Durand, was wanted by Michigan State Police in Corunna for home invasion and armed robbery that took place on or about February 18 in the Village of Lennon in Shiawassee County near Flint.

Sergeant Ron Taylor of the Houghton Lake Post said Hall and one or more other suspects were involved in that incident, where two victims were beaten and stabbed at a residence. Taylor said he believes the victims remain hospitalized.

A tip received by the state police indicated Hall was at the

Hospitality House in Grayling, but when Troopers Keith Toms and Michael Vranish arrived at the motel about 1:30 a.m. they learned he had fled out a rear window.

The troopers followed Hall's tracks through new snow for about a quarter mile to where a vehicle had been parked.

Crawford County Central Dispatch was notified of the situation and an area broadcast was made regarding Hall and the vehicle he was driving.

Grayling City Police Officer Karl DeVries was on duty, but because there is no midnight Crawford County Sheriff's Road Patrol, dispatcher Mike Shearer used the Crawford County Road Commission's frequency to notify snow plow truck drivers that Hall may be in the area where they were clearing the roads.

Continued on Page 11A

See "FUGITIVE..."

## Church break-in suspect may be in custody

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Police in St Johns may have apprehended the suspect in a long string of break-ins, including two in Crawford County.

A 44-year old man has confessed to law enforcement in Clinton County to committing about 60 break-ins at churches and schools in 12 Michigan counties.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he has not received notification or confirmation that the suspect in custody was responsible for the February 4 early morning break-ins at the Calvary Baptist Church and Grayling Free Methodist Church, both located on M-72 west of the city of Grayling. In

both cases, entry door glass was smashed to gain access. The Church of the Nazarene in Kalkaska County was also broken into in the same manner.

Because the suspect or suspects did not take audio-visual equipment and other items one would expect to be taken and sold for cash, Wakefield said investigating officers believe whoever broke in was looking for cash. Pastors at all three churches said cash is not kept on the premises.

On February 22, police recovered numerous pieces of electronic and computer equipment following the arrest. Investigations of all break-ins confessed to by the suspect continue.

## Welcome to the wide world of cooking



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Library system

A group of Crawford County kids learned the art of making egg rolls last Thursday at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The cooking program was used to introduce a new series of children's cookbooks now available for check-out. Jordyn Stevens, Whitney Schanz, Molly Trenary, Caitlin Prosser and Emily Schanz take direction from volunteer Mickie Meyers. For more on the event, see "Welcome to the wide world of cooking" on Page 3A.

## Joint effort 'nets' new equipment

The sound of skates and hockey sticks has become more common around the new Grayling City Hall.

Last fall, when the City developed a larger ice rink, there was a question whether it would be used. That no longer is a concern. Daily pick-up hockey games and free skating keeps the ice warm on these cold winter days.

The hockey nets the community used the last two years needed regular repair and maintenance.

Tom Wellman, Grayling City Planning Commission member, took it upon himself to raise the money for new nets. Over \$1,000 later, those nets are being used.

The new nets arrived the morning of President's Day, February 16. Wellman and city staff members assembled them. By afternoon, they were on the ice with eager skaters who had the day off school.

The following businesses, organizations and individuals contributed to make the new nets possible: H & H Enterprises, Northern Pure Ice,



Photo courtesy of the City of Grayling

Local youths and Grayling City Planning Commission member Tom Wellman (right) received a lot of local support when the need for new hockey nets arose.

Superior Finishers, Hilltop Ray's AuSable & Manistee Hunter, Dean & Aubry  
Snow Plowing, Scheer Motors, Canoeing, J.J.'s Motor Mall, Optometrists, Grayling Glass  
Century 21 River Country, Scott McNamara Ford, Larry and the Grayling Rotary Club.

Snow days don't affect school year yet. . . . . 2A  
United Way within 10 percent of goal. . . . . 3A  
GHS to host forensics tournament. . . . . 11A  
Viking wrestlers win District title . . . . . 1B  
Four Vikings fill six all-league berths . . . . . 2B

## Crawford County Avalanche


4016 N. 2nd Ave. S.E. SECTION 5  
GRAYLING, MI 49735-1000

Business Directory. 8-10A Legal Notices . . . . . 6-7B  
Church Directory . . . 6A Opinions . . . . . 4A  
Classifieds . . . . . 9-12B Sports & Rec . . 12A, 1-6B  
Facts & Features . . . 8B Obituaries . . . . . 13A



**RIALTO THEATRE**  
Member of the National League Of Historical Theatres

**#1 MOVIE IN AMERICA**



**PG-13**

**50 FIRST DATES**

**SHOWTIMES:**  
FRI & SAT 7:00 & 9:00 PM  
SUN - THURS 1 SHOW  
NIGHTLY @ 7:30 PM

COMING SOON: MIRACLE, WELCOME TO MOOSEPORT, HIDALGO, & THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST.

**BRITE SMILE.**  
www.britesmile.com  
You're just an hour away from a beautiful smile.  
BriteSmile is a registered service mark of BriteSmile Corporation. © 2003 BriteSmile Corporation.

**NOW YOU CAN LOOK AND FEEL FANTASTIC IN JUST ONE HOUR.**

You've only got one smile. Which is why you should only trust the one-hour teeth whitening treatment that's been clinically proven to be both safe and remarkable effective. With BriteSmile, your teeth can be up to 15 shades whiter and the results can last for years. Isn't your smile worth it?

**Grayling Family Dentistry**  
C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S.  
1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling  
**348-4300**  
Complete Family Dentistry

**CALL TODAY**

**WE ARE CLOSED**

We are remodeling our store, to better serve you.

Watch for huge **\$AVING\$!**

during our **Grand Re-opening.**  
Which will be in approximately 1-1 1/2 months  
Thank you for your patronage.



**Alpine**  
Carpet & Design Center  
989-732-1759 • 800-800-5791 • JUST OFF I-75 AT EXIT 270, WATERS

## Sheriff presents annual departmental awards

Serving as a law enforcement officer has its ups and downs. Rewards come with solving crimes, assisting motorists - whether as a result of a flat tire, breakdown or an accident - and calming the nerves of crime victims. They often meet with people at their lowest point. Sometimes they are met with danger, criticism, and harsh attitudes. But, they stick with their jobs and work at upholding public safety day after day.

To show his appreciation for those who work in his department, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield presented some special annual awards earlier this month.

This year's "Officer of the Year" awards were presented to the Road Officer and the Corrections Officer who demonstrated professionalism, integrity, outstanding effort and just simply going above and beyond the call of duty.

"Each year, the decision is not an easy one because of the many professional officers that we are blessed with in our community," Wakefield said. "Our officers come to work every day and give their best in this financially try-

ing time. It is with great pleasure that we announce this year's recipients."

Sergeant Randell Baerlocher was chosen "Road Officer of the Year for 2003" because of his outstanding commitment to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Wakefield said his dedication to duty and to the citizens of the community is hard to match. "Sgt. Baerlocher managed several high profile cases this year, resulting in the arrests of several individuals for various crimes such as felonious assault, criminal sexual conduct, child pornography and other serious offenses. He is a great asset to this community and its citizens."

"Corrections Officer of the Year for 2003" was awarded to Colleen "Sue" DeBusschere who has served as a corrections officer for over 12 years and demonstrates on a daily basis that she is one of the most knowledgeable and respected corrections officers serving the Crawford County Jail.

"Officer DeBusschere's dedication to detail and her commitment to excellence sets the example for all employed by the Crawford County Sheriff's



Captain Scott Feldhauser was recently awarded the Sheriff's Award of Excellence for 2003.

Office," said Wakefield.

Sheriff Wakefield began a new program for 2003 awarding the "Sheriff's Award of Excellence" to the employee who demonstrated commitment to the job and to his or her peers. One Road Officer and one Corrections Officer were selected for these awards.

Deputy Dean Goss was selected for this year's Sheriff's Award

of Excellence. Wakefield said Goss' commitment to the community is demonstrated on a daily basis. "Deputy Goss handles the most complaints each year and demonstrates a tireless effort to serve the public," the sheriff said. "His compassion for people is extremely evident in every case that he handles. Deputy Goss is a great asset to our community and to the Sheriff's Office."

Captain Scott Feldhauser was selected from the Jail Division for the Sheriff's Award of Excellence. He serves as Crawford County Jail Administrator and is responsible for the total jail operation.

"Capt. Feldhauser demonstrates professionalism and commitment to duty on a daily basis," said Wakefield. "He is the 'go-to' person on many issues because of his over 20 years of experience at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."

Wakefield also pointed out Feldhauser was responsible for the 2003 negotiation of the inmates' telephone service contract that secured funding for the purchase of a badly needed patrol unit.



Sgt. Randell Baerlocher was named Road Officer of the Year for 2003 by Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.



Deputy Dean Goss has been awarded the Sheriff's Award of Excellence for 2003.



Colleen "Sue" DeBusschere was named Corrections Officer of the Year for 2003.

## School board begins work on next year's budget

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District board has begun the long process of trying to develop a balanced budget for the next school year. It's not the easiest process in the world because most of the funding comes from the state and is based on the number of students enrolled in the district.

The budget has to be approved by the end of June but the number of students enrolled will not

be known until September. At this point there is also some question on how the number of students attending classes in the district will be computed, adding another complication to the budgeting process.

The size of the foundation grant from the state is an unknown quantity and will likely remain so until after the school year begins since the state doesn't begin its new fiscal year until October and the foundation grant will not be known until the bud-

get is passed.

However, the board has begun the process based on the best available information at this time. They reviewed the cuts made for the current year (nearly \$1.64 million) and began to think about where cuts might be made for the upcoming year since even the best case scenario is not good.

At this point, it does not look like Frederic Elementary will be reopened for the 2004-05 school year because the estimated cost

is slightly over one-half million dollars.

Among the cost-saving items the board discussed was the possibility of double busing. A bus driver would make one run to pick up only the elementary students and then make a second run to pick up the middle school and high school students. The order might be reversed but the process would allow the district to have fewer bus drivers.

The board is also considering the sale of the Central Office building. Administrative staff would move into one of the district's school buildings.

Another idea discussed making kindergarten a full day five-day a week program. This would cost the district more money but appears to be advantageous to district children. Board members asked Superintendent Milli Haug to provide them with information on the achievements of students in districts which offer the program. Board members said it may not be possible to institute the program for the next school year but agreed they would like to institute it as soon as possible.

## Snow days don't affect school year yet

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

According to Superintendent Milli Haug, the school district still has a cushion of a few hours before they have to begin making up days.

This year the state mandated the number of hours of instruction each student must receive. Although the state mandates 1068 hours, the district scheduled slightly over 1120 hours of instruction.

So far, approximately 30 of the available 55 hours have been used up in delays or cancellations caused by snow.



**Are you expecting?**

**Here's what you need to know.**

*Taking folic acid early can reduce the risk of birth defects, such as spina bifida*  
*During pregnancy, smoking can cause low birth weights and premature labor*  
*Cat litter may contain a parasite that can put you and your baby at risk of infection*

Learning you're pregnant prompts numerous questions and concerns. Fortunately, there is a place close to home where you can go for answers. Obstetrician David A. LaGattuta, MD, knows that every pregnancy is unique. He helps ensure that you and your developing baby are getting the quality care needed - close to home.

For an appointment at any of our locations in Grayling, Prudenville, and Roscommon, call (989) 348-1212 or visit us on the Web.

**MERCY FAMILY CARE**  
Partnership with MERCY HOSPITAL, GRAYLING

## United Way within 10 percent of goal

► New board members seated, officers to be elected March 16

Less than a month after its first major fundraising event of 2004, Crawford County United Way (CCUW) has reached 90 percent of its \$65,000 goal.

"We still have more projected monies coming in from various other sources, but will not receive those until early spring," said Executive Director April Brunger. "We are still waiting to hear and anticipate reaching 100 percent of our campaign goal."

The achievement was announced at the CCUW's February Board of Directors meeting by Brunger and Treasurer, Wanda Finkbeiner.

This is an exciting time of the year for the Crawford County United Way, starting with the CARE Night Auction on January 24 that raised about \$9,300, Brunger said. "And the evening was fantastic, with a good time had by all."



New members of the Board of Directors of the Crawford County United Way are Kathy Wiley, Joe Smock, Kathi Moss, and Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield (not pictured).

In other business, the CCUW is saying good-bye to some of its Board members as their terms expire. Ivah Baggett, Rosemary Patrick, Diana Stubbe, and David Lovely have moved on and taking their places are Kathy Wiley, Joe Smock, Kathi Moss, and Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

"While it is sad to see some of our Board members leaving, it's very exciting to welcome the new Board members as they bring in new ideas and input," said Brunger.

New officers will be elected at the Annual Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at the Grayling Township Hall at 8

a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in learning more about the CCUW may contact Brunger at 344-9300 or by e-mail at ccuw2002@yahoo.com.

"Your ideas are always welcome and presentations to your group or organization are readily available," Brunger said.

## Welcome to the wide world of cooking

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

About a dozen children participated recently in cooking lessons at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Cooking at the library, you ask? The program was offered to celebrate the arrival of a new series of cookbooks designed to

introduce children to the many flavors and textures from many ethnic cultures around the world.

The series, "A World of Recipes" includes volumes on German, Italian, and Oriental cooking, plus recipes from holidays celebrated by people in other lands.

"This was an area of the library in need of updating," said Interim Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson. "And, I can't think of a better way to introduce this series of books to the kids than to give them hands-on experience."

Children who participated on February 12 learned the basics of preparing and eating Italian foods and on February 19, they learned about cooking from the Far East, preparing the filling and learning to roll and fold egg rolls.

Library volunteers were on hand to help the children cook what they had prepared. Some of the kids weren't too sure whether they would find the vegetable filling of traditional egg rolls palatable, so some of the treats



Jordyn Stevens prepares the egg roll wraps as Whitney Schanz stirs filling ingredients. In the background, Molly Trenary asks to wash her hands.

were stuffed with Italian-style filling.

"Kids can be so picky about what they eat, and some are afraid to try new things," said Mansfield-Sanderson. "This series opens up a whole new world of shapes, textures and flavors, even though many of the ingredients are very familiar to them. They can check out one of the cookbooks and prepare a dish for their families, with a little help from an adult or older sib-

ling if need be." For more information on children's programs offered through the Crawford County Library system, call 348-9214.



Perfecting the folding and rolling of an egg roll is Matt Townsend.

## Woman pulled from collapsed carport

A Roscommon County woman was pulled from the snow and debris of her collapsed carport last Friday night after neighbors heard her cries for help.

Michigan State Police troopers from the Houghton Lake Post were called to the home in Markey Township believing they were answering a possible domestic disturbance.

Roscommon Central Dispatch reported receiving two calls about a woman screaming for help in the area.

Upon their arrival, Troopers Watson and Laskowski could hear the woman's screams but there were no lights on in the residence, only the glow of a television screen. Troopers realized the screams were coming from outside the residence and discovered they were coming from a pile of snow.

Looking at the pile of snow, the officers spotted what

appeared to be a shirt buried there. As they began to dig, they found the unidentified woman had been in the carport when it collapsed, apparently from the weight of snow and recent rain. She was pulled from the pile of fiberglass roofing and lumber

and was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Grayling where she was treated for back pain.

Troopers said one of the woman's neighbors reported he heard the screams for about an hour before placing the 911 call.

## Your homeowners policy comes with something extra...

**R**eal people. Hometown people who will help you through the details of buying insurance or making a claim. While some insurance companies are no more than an 800 number and a voice mail menu, we're here to help in good times and in bad-year after year.



**Auto-Owners Insurance**  
Life Home Car Business  
The No Problem People®

L-R: Dawn McGee, Jeanne Bulmer & Andrea Lesh

**GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY** (989) 348-2851  
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop Grayling  
Located next to Century 21 • Across from Glen's

## THE GRAYLING FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC

1010 N. Down River Road W.  
Grayling, MI 49738

Is very pleased to announce the addition of



GREGG B. HANERT, D.O.

To their medical staff  
BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2004

### Providing Comprehensive Primary Medical Care

Adult & Child Health Maintenance Exams  
Same Day Sick Child Appointments  
Immunizations for Children  
Blood Pressure Monitoring  
Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy  
Diabetes Education  
Minor Surgeries  
and MORE!

### Accepting New Patients of All Ages

Dr. Hanert will be joining:  
Donald D. Burkley, M.D.  
Charles L. Gosling, M.D.  
William H. McNamara, M.D.  
Marilyn L. Rosi, F.N.P.  
Lisa A. Harrington, D.O.  
Michael E. Burkley, D.O.  
Thad M. Jackson, D.O.

CALL (989) 348-7671  
FOR AN APPOINTMENT

## COSMETOLOGY • NAIL TECHNOLOGY MANICURING

Full and Part-Time classes begin the second Tuesday of each month

### FINANCIAL AID

AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY

Enroll NOW For  
Classes Starting  
March 9, 2004

**HOUGHTON LAKE  
INSTITUTE OF  
COSMETOLOGY**

989-422-4573



Owners/Instructors: James & Dena Gregory

IF YOU **SAVE** WITH

# NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION

OR

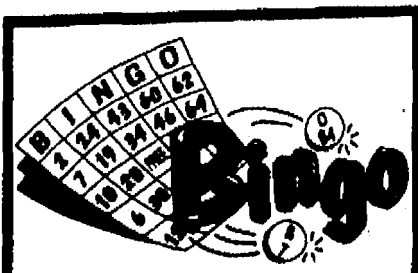
# NORTHLAND AREA FED. CREDIT UNION

YOU CAN **SAVE** WITH



Call Linda Stephens Today!

989-348-2089 • Grayling Mini Mall • P.O. Box 1136



Sunday - 1:30 pm

**Grayling Eagles  
Auxiliary #3465**

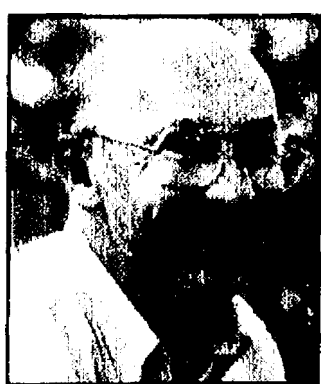
Thursday - 6:30 pm

**American  
Legion Hall**

Post 106 - Grayling



# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Some alums may need a refresher course

LET'S RETURN once more to the Almanack's infrequent jousts with the English language, as used, spoken and written.

It's appalling that so many college graduates don't know the proper way to refer to themselves.

A recent Letter to the Editor begins, "As a U-M alumni, I am disturbed by the new policy....."

To be academically even-handed, I cite another Letter to the Editor which begins, "A fellow Michigan State University alumni and I attended the MSU-Iowa football game....."

Together, of course, these two letter writers are alumni, although each may have flunked an English class.

But separately, each is an alumnus, not an alumni. The singular form of the word is alumnus, the plural form is alumni.

A female graduate may be an alumna, and two of them may be alumnae.

But a singular alumni ..... no way. The error is common, and should be eliminated -- especially by alumni of all universities.

**DOUBLING UP** -- the prepositions "off" and "of" in the same usage also causes problems with me.

This occurs in both written and oral form, but those who write in newspapers should know better.

A sports columnist writes about "money earned off of one championship game."

A headline proclaims "Officer should focus on military duty; lay off of Islam."

A political writer tells of "money problems which kept his ads off of television....."

In each case, the second preposition

"of" is superfluous. It's unneeded. Why use it?

The same sin can occur less frequently with other doubled prepositions.

A foreign correspondent writes of warfare in Baghdad with "rockets landing outside of the Iranian and Turkish embassies."

A columnist decries the assumption that "women were ill-suited for work outside of the home."

A news story says "the car finally halted outside of the city limits."

Again, in each case the preposition "of" is not needed.

Maybe it's a little thing -- prepositions usually are -- but it bothers me anyway.

An editor many years ago told me that whenever the preposition "of" appears, the copy probably can be shortened and improved. It's remarkable how often in my experience he was proven correct.

**A FRIENDLY READER** suggests a couple of her concerns about words and their usage.

She cites "gone missing" and "take a listen".

"I've heard these used more and more often during the past years," she points out.

The phrase "gone missing" had bothered me for some time, too. How does someone "go" missing? Isn't he or she just plain missing?

So I threw the question at a group of old timer cronies, for most of whom language has been integral to careers in the newspaper business. They were nearest to a panel of language experts readily at hand.

"Gone missing", several assured me, is common usage in Great Britain. It's perfectly correct and probably even

more proper than the American version of the English language we usually hear.

Who am I to argue ..... which underlines the importance of the truism that you're never too old to learn.

As to "take a listen", I agree it grates on the ear. I presume it's a home grown corruption of word usage, probably without specific origin. But like "gone missing," I'm willing to learn. Any ideas from readers?

*(Columnist's Note: Want to join the discussion, or contribute your own concerns about words and language? Please share your thoughts with The Almanack, in care of this newspaper.)*

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## VIEWPOINT

From District Health Department #10

### Be smart and take your health to heart

February is about hearts -- from Valentine's Day to celebrating Heart Health Month and District Health Department #10 would like to support these themes by asking women to "Be Smart and Take Your Health to Heart!"

It is important for every woman to be screened regularly for breast and cervical cancer and to learn to live a lifestyle that prevents chronic diseases such as heart disease and cancer.

We want to help you to Be Smart and Take Your Health to Heart by offering free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings to any woman who meets the following criteria:

- You are between the ages of 40-64;
- You have limited or no insurance;
- Your income is limited, for example: a one person family with an annual income below \$22,450; or a three person family with an annual income below \$38,150.

In addition to the free screening, all women who register before March 15 will be placed in a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate to the Frederic Inn in Frederic.

In the United States, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes. In the 10-county region of District Health Department #10, 184 new cases were diagnosed in 2000. The earlier

breast cancer is diagnosed, the better a woman's chance of survival. In fact, if breast cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is 96-percent.

Cancer of the cervix is nearly 100-percent preventable, yet in 2000 there were 422 new cases diagnosed in Michigan. Regular screenings can detect abnormalities early and early treatment of the abnormalities may prevent cancer from developing.

In keeping with the Heart theme of the month, women who participate in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening may be eligible to participate in the WISEWOMAN program which promotes heart healthy lifestyles and offers cholesterol and blood pressure checks and education to help you reduce your heart disease risk. This is an important program as heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet almost half of these deaths could be prevented through lifestyle changes.

So, Get Smart and Take Your Health to Heart by getting screened, it may just prevent a more serious problem in your future. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule your free screening today. Let us help you "Take Your Health to Heart."

For more information on this program, contact Jane Schneider, Health and Educator at (231) 258-8669 or the Crawford County office of the health department at 348-7800.

# EDITOR

## There is help available to reduce drug costs

To the editor,

Here in Michigan, and throughout the country, far too many people have to choose between paying bills and purchasing the prescription drugs that keep them healthy. It is shameful and tragic that anyone in America in the year 2004 should be faced with such terrible choices.

As your State Representative, I have been fighting to lower the costs of prescription drugs. Time after time, those efforts have been met with resistance both in Washington and in Lansing. The time for action is now. For the almost 2 million Michigan citizens with no insurance, or even those underinsured, every moment of delay means deteriorating health and

unease about the future.

In an effort to help make medicine more affordable, I recently mailed a newsletter to senior citizens in the 106th House District to keep those constituents informed on the issue of prescription drugs and to let them know about some resources that may be available to save them money.

The newsletter contained the most up-to-date listing of prescription drug discount card plans currently offered (depending on eligibility), as well as an update on the Michigan Drug Fair Pricing Act and the Great Lakes Alliance of Affordable Drugs Act -- two initiatives I support that will drive down the costs of drugs in our state.

My office has received

numerous requests for this information from constituents throughout the 106th House District, which includes the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Oscoda, Montmorency, and Presque Isle.

These discount programs included details about prescription drug cards, such as the Pfizer, Share Card, GlaxoSmithKline Orange Card, LillyAnswers Card, Together Rx Card, and the AARP Pharmacy Services Card. The discounts offered through these programs range from 15 percent to 40 percent and I want to clarify that the cards can be used at all local pharmacies in northern Lower Michigan.

I have met countless seniors and working families in my dis-

trict who worry about the soaring costs of prescription drugs. They worry about what these costs mean for them now and in the future, should they happen to fall ill.

I share these concerns for my loved ones and for all families in Michigan, and I will continue to work on your behalf to help our state's most vulnerable citizens.

If you have any questions about the prescription drug discount card programs, please contact my office by calling toll-free at 1-866-MATT-106.

Matt Gillard  
State Representative  
106th House District

## Local gasoline prices are out of control

To the editor,

This will be short and to the point for anyone who can answer my concern.

I would like to know why Grayling has to have such high gasoline prices when surrounding cities have been running around 10 cents per gallon cheaper? Not one or two cents, but 10 cents!

In the past three weeks, I am finding myself waiting until I am making a trip to Houghton

Lake, Kalkaska, Traverse City, or anywhere south of Grayling for that matter, to fill up.

It is actually cheaper to go a half-hour out of Grayling to get gas even if I need to make a special trip to do so.

There is something wrong with this picture, Grayling. Is our little town gas gouging?

Mary Neal  
Grayling

## This sums it all up

To the editor, the unknowing, doing the impossible for the ungrateful. This sums it all up about the war in Iraq: Kellie Kitchen We the unwilling, led by Grayling

## DISCLAIMER

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE**  
P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 • (517) 497-3138 • FAX (517) 497-3138

<b>Annie Blair</b> Composition	<b>Linda Golinick</b> General Manager	<b>Debbie St. Germain</b> Advertising Sales
<b>Anne D. Toprak</b> Composition	<b>Cheryll Ruley</b> Staff Writer	<b>Betty Pearl</b> Advertising Sales
<b>Angie Palmer</b> Composition	<b>Susan Warrington</b> Staff Writer	<b>Pam Engel</b> Advertising Sales
<b>Jennifer Lawe</b> Composition	<b>Caleb Casey</b> Staff Writer	<b>Ruth Bigger</b> Business Office
		<b>Ralph Kroczyk</b> Retail Circulation

Published by Crawford County Avalanche, Inc., Dirk Milliman, president.  
Member of the Michigan Press Association and the National Newspaper Association.  
All rights reserved. Copyright The Crawford County Avalanche. This content may not be archived, retransmitted, saved in a database, or used for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of The Crawford County Avalanche.  
USPS 136-860. Dated as Periodicals in the Post Office at Grayling, MI 49738 under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1919. Published each Tuesday at 102 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. For changing address, send US Post Office Form 3579 to the Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.  
Subscription Rates: One year permanent subscription in Crawford, Roscommon, Kalkaska, Otsego, and Oscoda counties, \$20.00; Seasonal address changes add \$4.00. One year non-local, outside above counties, \$30.00; Foreign Countries, \$60.00; Senior Citizen discount (60 or older) \$2.00 off any of the above rates. Subscription rates are non-refundable.  
Check us out on the Internet at [avalanche.townnews.com](http://avalanche.townnews.com)

## Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.



# BRIEFS

## NCMCF accepting grant applications

North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is accepting Tobacco Settlement grant applications for tobacco related projects. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2004. Non-profit agencies and organizations in Crawford County are invited to apply. Applications can be printed from the web site at [www.cfnem.org/affiliates/nc/tobacco.htm](http://www.cfnem.org/affiliates/nc/tobacco.htm) or by calling the NCMCF office and an application can be mailed or faxed upon request. For more information or an application, contact Dawn Fairchild at 1-877-354-6881, or by e-mail at [dfairchild@cfnem.org](mailto:dfairchild@cfnem.org).

## Kids invited to Winter Fun Fest

Kids ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend a Winter Fun Fest at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 6, from 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for a time of faith, fun, food and fellowship. Lunch will be served. The church is located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Call (989) 348-2974 for more information or to register.

## Schools to host Scholastic Book Fair

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the AuSable Primary School media center, Monday, March 1 through Monday, March 8. The media center will be set up like a bookstore for shopping ease. Proceeds from the sale will be shared between AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary School media centers. The book fair will open at 9 a.m. on March 1 and will be open during regular school hours including during parent teacher conferences on Thursday, March 4. The book fair will close at noon on March 8.

## Women invited to World Day of Prayer

Women from all churches in Grayling are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer program scheduled at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at St. John Lutheran Church ELCA, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. This program is sponsored by "Church Women United."

## Coast Guard boating class offered

The U.S. Coast Guard Boating Class is offered to anyone interested in advanced boating skills and seamanship. Topics include: boating laws, basic navigation including GPS (global positioning) fundamentals, radio communication, weather, and advanced boat handling. Class will be held in Room 27 at Rosecommon High School at 6:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, March 11. Cost of the class is \$30 for materials. Class size is limited. For registration or more information, call (989) 821-7833 or (989) 821-8433.

## Church plans all-you-can eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Retired state employees to meet

Regular meetings of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will resume on Tuesday, March 2, beginning at 2 p.m., and will be held at the Houghton Lake Community Building. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited to attend.

## Help Center holding Paper Drive

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, that serves as the food pantry for local residents in need, is holding a Paper Drive to collect donations of facial tissues, toilet paper and paper towels. Donations may be dropped off at the Help Center on Huron Street in Grayling or at any local church. The Help Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Rotary scholarships available

The Grayling Rotary Club announced applications are now available for college scholarships. Contact any Rotary member for an application or visit the Grayling High School office.

## Crawford Historical Society to meet

The Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

## Cross country ski races scheduled in Lewiston

Garland Resort in Lewiston will again be hosting the Michigan Cup Garland Gripper and Garland Glide XC ski races, February 28-29, for all ages and abilities.

The Saturday classic race for all juniors and women will be 6km long, with registration from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and mass start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 for junior boys and girls under age 18, and \$15 for women 18 and over.

The men's 12km race registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with a mass start at 11:30 a.m. Race fee is \$20 for senior men.

On Sunday, the Garland Glide will take place, with all juniors and women racing 12km freestyle.

Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., with the mass start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 for juniors under age 18, and \$15 for women 18 and over.

The men's 18km freestyle race will be open for registration from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., with the mass start at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$25 for senior men.

For more race information, call (989) 786-2211, ext. 1311, or log on to web site [www.nordicsskiracer.com](http://www.nordicsskiracer.com) for a race application.

## CCW handgun safety class offered at KCC

Kirtland Community College is accepting registration for a handgun safety class that fulfills the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000.

The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

The class will meet on two weekday evenings, Thursday and Friday, April 29-30, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and one Saturday, May 1, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While the law requires only

eight hours of training, Kirtland's program offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours.

Participants must attend all sessions and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

The cost is \$175 per person and includes training materials. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens. Participants should provide their own guns; however, college-owned weapons will be available if needed.

Registration fees include ammunition for 9mm, .38, .40 and .45-caliber weapons. Trainees using other weapons will need to bring ammunition.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office at (989)275-5000, ext. 283, or by e-mail: [kaniewss@kirtland.edu](mailto:kaniewss@kirtland.edu).

## Volunteers available to help seniors with tax returns

As we move into the height of the tax-filing season, taxpayers are looking for assistance in preparing their tax returns.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Michigan has walk-in taxpayer assistance centers in many locations across the state, including Traverse City. Taxpayers with computer access can check out the Free File option available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

In addition, taxpayers can also receive free tax preparation by visiting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site at nearly 300 locations around the state. Many of these sites, staffed by well-trained volunteers, can electronically file tax returns with the IRS as well.

Tax preparation assistance is available by appointment only

every Tuesday at the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Senior Center, 308 Lawndale in Grayling.

AARP is offering the services, for those 60 years of age and older, through the first week in April. Call the Senior Center at 348-7123 to make an appointment.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending February 22 - winners of \$25 each: Carla Hartig, Dale Kirchoff, Sharon Johnson, Cheryl Ruley, Bill Holton, Irv McIsaac.



**HOW'S YOUR BODY?**

COME TO SHOWTIME COLLISION

"When You're Happy We're Happy!"

HM DRUDGE OWNER

**YOUR COLLISION REPAIR PROFESSIONALS**

- Complete Body Work
- Painting/Refinishing
- Insurance Work

Welcome

**CELEBRATING 11 YEARS IN BUSINESS!**

**SHOWTIME COLLISION**

**(989) 348-0090**

Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm

1/2 mile west of the Manistee River on M-72

## LOSING A LOVED ONE TO DRUGS?

If addiction is killing a loved one, we have the answer. We deliver the most effective drug and alcohol rehab program in the world, with a success rate over 70%. It's a 4-5 month long-term residential program located on a private lake in Battle Creek, MI. Sauna detox gets toxins and drug residues out of the body eliminating physical cravings. Life skills training courses prepare our students for long-term success in life. We have a large job-referral network in place!

**NARCONON® STONE HAWK**  
**800-420-3147**  
[www.narcononstonehawk.com](http://www.narcononstonehawk.com)

**GET READY TO TREAD ON OLD MAN WINTER!**

**THE PERFORMANCE YOU EXPECT AT THE PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD!**

• Alignments • Brakes • Shocks • Tire Repair  
 • Suspension Parts • Computer Balancing • Tire Rotation

**DAYTON**  
*Performance for Every Road*

**UPPER LAKES TIRE**  
REPAIRS • SERVICE • SALES

701 Huron, Grayling • 348-2887 • Mon.-Fri. 8 am to 5:30 pm • Sat. 8 am to 1 pm

**IT'S TIME TO BUILD!**

RATES ARE LOW - OWN FOR THE PRICE OF RENT

**The "Bristol"**

\$ 64,600.00 On Crawl \*

1008 SQUARE FEET  
 3 BEDROOM  
 1 BATH  
 18'x 4' COVERED PORCH

(garage optional)

**The "Ashland"**

\$ 73,480.00 On Crawl \*

1088 SQUARE FEET  
 2 BEDROOM  
 1 1/2 BATH  
 24X4 DECK

(garage optional)

**The "Kingston"**

\$ 56,090.00 On Crawl \*

864 SQUARE FEET  
 2 BEDROOM  
 1 BATH

(garage optional)

**Prices include: home excavation, foundation, heating, plumbing, electrical, drywall, carpet, vinyl, paint and cabinetry to the standard specification of the builder.**

\* Prices do not include lot, well, septic, or related site costs. All site costs will vary from lot to lot. We can perform a free site inspection to assist you in estimating your associated costs.

**DESHANO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

**DeShano COMPANIES**

**www.deshano.com 1-800-234-0800**

325 Commerce Court • Gladwin, MI 49824 • (989) 426-2521

**Stop In & See Our**  
**Woodlands**  
**COLLECT ON**



At Bradley's ... We don't have to guarantee the lowest price ...  
**WE HAVE THE LOWEST PRICE!!**

## Bradley's Furniture

25 Years in Business

989-275-5421 or 877-571-1340

708 Lake Street • Roscommon

Email: [bradsfurn@yahoo.com](mailto:bradsfurn@yahoo.com)

#2 Dealer in the State  
 #1 in Prices!









## "Hope and help from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan."

*Ernie Harwell*

*"At Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, we're committed to helping our members live longer and live better. As the Blues' Health and Fitness Advocate, I enjoy the chance to tell you about the many programs and services the Blues offer that can help us get healthy and stay healthy, and help keep quality health care affordable. Isn't it great to know that we have a company here in Michigan that can save us money while they're helping others save lives?"*



When it comes to your health, it's good to have connections.

When a medical condition suddenly changes your life, sometimes it's hard to know just where to turn or what to do. That's why we introduced BlueHealthConnection®—our personalized health management program that offers a variety of ways to help our members take charge of their health care.

It offers a wealth of resources they need to navigate through health problems and lead better lives. Including access to professional nurses who can offer health education, tips, and hope. With BlueHealthConnection, you're always just a phone call away from sound information, the kind you can use to make the best health care decisions for you and your family.



Saving money with generic drugs is an easy pill to swallow.

One of the ways Blue Cross is helping our members save out-of-pocket expenses is by urging everyone to get the facts about generic drugs. The FDA requires generic drugs to meet the same standards for strength, purity and quality, and to contain the same active ingredients as the brand-name drugs.

Which means that generics give you the same therapeutic effects—for less. Last year, Blues members saved more than \$4 million in out-of-pocket costs due to lower copays for generics. There are times when a generic equivalent is not available. But choosing a generic when possible can help hold down rising health care costs—and can add up to extra money in your pocket. To learn more about what generics can do for you, visit our web site at [www.theunadvertisedbrand.com](http://www.theunadvertisedbrand.com).



WalkingWorks<sup>SM</sup> for us all.

Walking is the simple way to improve your health. Just three to five times a week for 30 minutes can make a big difference in your overall fitness and well-being. With the Blues' WalkingWorks program, we give our members a simple, easy and fun way to get the aerobic exercise needed for good health, with little risk of injury. It's a step we're glad to take to help folks live better—and help keep health care affordable for us all.

## Friendly advice on staying healthy.

Look for Ernie's new column on healthier living each week in this newspaper.

For easy-to-follow advice on staying healthy, look for "Take It From Ernie." It's a new column sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with words of wisdom from Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Each week, Ernie will highlight simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You'll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody's a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield's Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read "Take It From Ernie," and as Ernie says, "Take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone."

## The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



While it's not uncommon for some adults to think they're either too old or too frail to exercise, nothing could be further from the truth. Regular physical activity brings health benefits and greater well-being at any age.

Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life's later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



**Blue Cross  
Blue Shield  
Blue Care Network  
of Michigan**

***You* and the POWER of *Blue!***

[www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are nonprofit corporations and independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.



## SCHEER MOTORS

IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE



**MATT SIDES**

**has joined our team!**

Matt brings many years of sales experience in the Grayling area to Grayling. He can now offer new cars and trucks from Chevrolet Pontiac Buick Cadillac Oldsmobile Chrysler Dodge and Jeep. As well as a great selection of GM Certified and Warranty Free used cars and trucks!

**Give Matt A Call Today!**  
**He's Never Been In A Better Spot To Help With Your Transportation Needs!**

**989-348-5451 • 1-800-968-8848**



## SCHEER MOTORS



Hours: Mon. 8-8 • Tues.-Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 9-2  
 U.S. 27 NORTH • GRAYLING • [www.scheermotors.com](http://www.scheermotors.com)

## Preschoolers learn about animal care



Photo courtesy of NEMCSA Frederic Head Start

Preschool students enrolled in the Frederic Head Start Program recently visited Milltown Feed and Lawn in Grayling where they learned from owner Bill McQueen what it takes to run a pet store and how to take care of animals. The students saw many different kinds of animals, including the cockatiel shown here with McQueen and had the opportunity to pet a Guinea pig. Head Start is a program sponsored by the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA).

## Instructor's digital images on display

Kirtland art instructor Joe Donna's work was featured at an opening/reception on February 25 to display the digital images he

created while completing another master's degree at Central Michigan University last spring.

The showcased art in the opening consists of digital images and computer manipulated photographs.

The photographs begin with a regular camera and film, and then the pictures are scanned and manipulated on the computer to be printed and matted.

The pictures are currently at the

Kirtland Art Gallery at the Conference Center on College Drive where they will remain until the end of February.

Donna graduated in 1985 from Michigan State University with a Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics. He began teaching art at Kirtland in 1987.

In 1993 he also began teaching photography. So, he returned to school in 2000 to get his master's degree photography as well.

## Chili Cook-off winners announced

The Ole Barn's chili won first place at this year's annual Chili Cook-off, which was held during the Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills during the week-end of February 14-15.

Holiday Inn took second place, and Gray Rock Cafe placed third.

The 50/50 winner was Chad

Thurmason. Gift certificate winners included Zack Wilcox (Gray Rock), Ashley Sawel (Holiday Inn), Larry Backman (Ole Barn), Vera Tipkey (Hanson Hills), and Leslie Gilbert (Skyline).

The Chili Cook-off was sponsored by American Legion Post 106.

## Three local Red Cross blood drives scheduled in March

Three local American Red Cross blood drives are scheduled early in the month of March.

On Wednesday, March 3, Grayling High School will hold its drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., however the public is asked to come in between 11:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

On Thursday, March 4, a blood drive will be held in the Frederic Township Hall Annex from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Finally, on Monday, March 8, Hard Bodyz Sports Club, located in the Grayling Industrial Park at 2323 Dupont Street, is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

All donors must bring their Red Cross ID card or a photo identification. Students without ID can be verified by faculty. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors are urged to eat before donating blood.

The blood drive held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on January 5, sponsored by M.A.T.E.S., was a Type "O" Drive and 18 donors attended. Dale French has donated nine gallons, John Lucey has donated seven gallons and June Lutz was a first time donor.

Ninety-three donors attended the January 7 blood drive at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. A one-gallon pin was issued to Leonard Bingert and a two-gallon pin was issued to Tammy Blair.

First time donors were: Brenda DeVries, Edward Palmer, Gary Richards, Richard Schultz, David Seeley and Tracey Tomsett.

**ONE NAME TO KNOW**


**ONE PLACE TO GO**

- Service
- Savings
- Guarantee

(989) 348-2851  
 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop  
 Grayling

**GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY**



## Grayling Insurance Agency





L-R Dawn McGee, Jeanne Bulmer & Andrea Lesh

Representing

- Citizens • Auto Owners

Responsive • Reliable • Independent

# AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

Only **\$3.85** per week\*

\*\$100.00  
6 month contract

## BUILDING & REMODELING SERVICES

 <p><b>OSGA</b>  <b>MASONRY &amp; CONSTRUCTION INC.</b></p> <p><b>JAY OSGA</b>          Licensed &amp; Insured          For All Your Building Needs          (989) 348-1075          3585 Marker Rd., Frederic, MI</p>	 <p><b>Ted Gomez</b>          Master Electrician</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Acacia AuSable Electric</i>          Let There Be Light</p> <p>P.O. Box 280          Frederic, MI 49733</p> <p>Phone: 989-348-6229 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tpgomez@voyager.net">tpgomez@voyager.net</a>          Fax: 989-348-6589 Toll Free: 1-877-451-4323</p>	 <p><b>Fred Mills</b>          Builder</p> <p>Log Cabins • Homes • Remodeling          Roofs • Custom Artwork          Honest &amp; Reliable • Licensed  <b>Fred • 989-821-5707</b>          140 Carlos Ave., Roscommon, MI 48653</p>	<p><b>"We Do Tough Jobs!"</b></p> <p><b>MY HOUSE DOCTOR</b>          Jerry Sessions</p> <p><b>BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</b>  <a href="http://www.jerry@myhousedoctor.com">www.jerry@myhousedoctor.com</a></p> <p><b>ADDITIONS &amp; KITCHEN SPECIALIST</b></p> <p>Windows • Decks • Garages          Roofing &amp; Siding          INSURANCE WORK          LICENSED &amp; INSURED  <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b>  <b>989-366-6279 • 1-800-923-7527</b>  <b>SENIOR DISCOUNT 10% OFF</b></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Serving All Of Northern Michigan Since 1980 With Warehouse &amp; Showroom at 2306 S. Industrial</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grayling</b>  <b>989-348-5426</b>  <b>1-800-292-9026</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sales, Service &amp; Installation          Windows, Doors &amp; Garage Doors</p>		
<p>Bonded Metal Shingles Standing Seam Insured</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">ROOFS Of The NORTH</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL TYPES OF ROOFS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Pole Barns, Decks, Windows, Garages, Siding</li> <li>★ Check Out Our New Complete Showroom</li> </ul> <p>249 W. Federal Hwy., Roscommon, MI 48653 Cell Phone (989) 302-1573          Subsidiary of Bayview Sheet Metal, Inc. Phone (989) 275-5047</p>	<p><b>BECKETT Contracting, Inc.</b></p> <p>P.O. Box 319, Roberts Rd., Grayling, MI 49738</p> <p>Licensed - Insured          New Homes - Additions - Siding          Remodeling - Garages - Roofing  <b>Phone 348-7237</b></p>	<p>New Construction • Carports • Pavilions          Existing Roofs • Mini-Storages • Woodsheds, etc.</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">D.R.S.</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">DIVERSIFIED ROOFING SYSTEMS          -METAL ROOF SPECIALISTS-</p> <p><i>Commercial • Residential • Agricultural</i>  <b>35 Years Combined Experience</b></p> <p>989-732-3532 Fully Insured 989-348-7238          Scott Van Luchene 989-350-8108 Dave O'Dell          Grayling Cell Phone Grayling          1976 Estelle Rd., Grayling, Michigan 49735</p>	<p><b>McCLAIN &amp; SON CONSTRUCTION</b>          Opening the Door to Your Future  <b>Scott McClain</b></p> <p>P.O. Box 188 Grayling, Michigan 49738 Fax: 989-348-4857          4232 Coldsprings, Grayling, Michigan 49738</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">DAVE ROSS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Licensed Builder</p> <p>Homes - Additions - Remodeling          Siding - Decks - Garages - Roofing          Quality work in Grayling area since 1972</p> <p>P.O. Box 252, Grayling          8649 West Beaver Road  <b>348-6444</b></p>		
 <p><b>WHEATON CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <p><b>Pole Barns</b>  <b>Phil Wheaton</b></p> <p>Commercial • Industrial          Agricultural • Residential</p> <p>Licensed &amp; Insured  <b>Building Barns Since 1978</b>          5885 Manistee River,          Grayling, MI  <b>1-989-344-BARN</b></p>	<p><b>JOHNS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <p>Homes - Additions - Remodeling          Licensed &amp; Insured          Residential &amp; Commercial  <b>989-821-5029 • 989-422-6423</b></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">KARP'S INC.</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Kitchens &amp; Baths, Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Over 20 Years Experience</i>  <b>HomeCrest</b>          Make Them Yours Today</p> <p><b>Denny Karp</b>          (989) 348-9300          5625 M-72 W., Grayling, MI</p>	<p><b>Complete Wood or Formica</b>          Kitchens • Bathrooms          Countertops • Furniture</p> <p><i>Over 20 Years Experience</i>  <b>Brush's Woodwork</b></p> <p><b>Denny Karp</b>          (989) 348-9300          5625 M-72 W., Grayling, MI</p>	 <p><b>CuSable CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <p>BUILDING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SINCE 1976  <b>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL</b></p> <p>(989) 348-5477 2342 Industrial St.          FAX (989) 348-3232 Grayling Industrial Park          Grayling, MI</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">J&amp;D DRYWALL</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">HANGING, FINISHING, TEXTURING          AND REPAIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FREE ESTIMATES</b>  <b>FULLY INSURED</b>          12 YEARS EXPERIENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAMES HERNANDEZ PHONE 989-344-008</p>	
<p><b>MILLTOWN ELECTRIC</b>          Residential • Commercial • Industrial          Electrical • Energy Management          Fire Alarms • Security Systems</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RICK DAVIS</b>          Licensed &amp; Insured          989-348-5280 • FAX 989-348-6101          5897 W. North Down River Rd., Grayling, MI 49738</p>	 <p><b>J.T. Cochrane Construction</b></p> <p>New Construction or Remodeling for your Northern home or retreat.          Complete general contracting services for your individual project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additions • Decks • Siding • Garages • And More</li> </ul> <p>Custom design service available</p> <p>phone/fax: (989) 348-8527          e-mail: <a href="mailto:cochrane1@freeway.net">cochrane1@freeway.net</a></p>	<p><b>CAL SCHREIBER</b>  <b>LICENSED BUILDERS</b></p> <p>Homes • Remodeling          Garages • Additions          Roofing • Siding</p> <p><b>4581 Calvin Dr., Grayling 49738</b>  <b>Dave Schreiber (989) 348-5858</b></p>	<p><b>POLE BUILDINGS</b></p> <p><i>Commercial, Farm, or Residential</i>          50 years experience          Standing Seam Metal Roofing          Licensed and Insured          Free Estimates</p> <p><b>J.W. Hagerman Construction, L.L.C.</b>          (989) 348-1662 • Cell: (989) 619-6780          Grayling</p>	<p><b>Barber Construction Inc.</b>          Builder - Remodeler  <b>A Full Service Contractor</b></p> <p>Specializing in:          New Homes and Remodeling          - Design Service          - Professional Craftsmanship          - Quality &amp; Value backed by a 2 year warranty</p> <p>1210 Rough Ct. Roscommon, MI  <a href="http://www.tl-hba.org/barber">www.tl-hba.org/barber</a></p>	<p><b>Richard L. Martin Construction</b>          Division of Classic Log Homes, Inc.</p> <p>Frame &amp; Log Homes • Remodeling Kitchen &amp; Bath          Additions • Garages • Design Service &amp; Plans Available          Window replacement (Certified Pella Contractor)          Vinyl &amp; Aluminum Siding (Custom Bending)          More than 20 years experience • Licensed &amp; Insured</p> <p>P.O. Box 125 • Higgins Lake, Michigan          (989) 821-6118</p>	 <p><b>Scott Pittman Builder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed Builder</li> <li>• Homes-Garages</li> <li>• Remodeling - Additions</li> <li>• Drywall - Trim Work</li> <li>• Siding - Shingle and Metal Roofs</li> </ul> <p>900 Michigan Ave.          Grayling, MI 49738          989-348-6136</p>
 <p><b>K&amp;T Construction</b></p> <p>Residential &amp; Commercial Asphalt Contractor  <b>TOD SMITH</b></p> <p>1-989-732-2314 Office Cell 1-989-619-4379</p>	<p><b>Don Kernstock</b></p> <p>New Homes Remodeling Additions Garages Cement Work Roofing</p> <p>Licensed &amp; Insured  <b>989-348-8945</b>          107 Kings Court, Grayling, MI 49738</p>	 <p><b>James Patterson</b></p> <p>Remodeling Additions Siding Custom Homes Garages Roofing</p> <p>Licensed &amp; Insured          (989) 348-8880          1809 Little John, Grayling, Michigan</p>	 <p><b>METAL ROOFING SIDING WINDOWS</b></p> <p>Licensed and Insured • Free Estimates</p> <p><b>GLENWOOD BUILDERS, L.L.C.</b>          (989) 348-8881 OR 1-800-586-8888  <a href="http://www.glenwoodbuilders.com">www.glenwoodbuilders.com</a></p>			



# Car wash about to greet first customers

A new car wash, with a hint of the old days, is expected to open for business in Grayling Township on Saturday, February 28. Route-72 Autowash will offer some of the latest car wash technology around.

Daniel D. Smock, his wife of 20 years, Suzanne and their 15-year old son, Matthew are preparing to take on a lot of dirty cars, trucks, vans and sports utility vehicles in their new 100-foot deluxe exterior car wash tunnel, located at 6438 West M-72 Highway, west of Grayling and east of the M-93 intersection.

The Smocks are not new to the world of business. Dan is the former president and founder of Straight Line Manufacturing, Inc. (SML, Inc.), a Michigan-based family-owned PowerSport manufacturer that was located in Milford. The company manufactured high-performance off-road ATV-type go-carts, Trademark Sport-Karts®. The company has since been sold.

Dan's family also owned and operated a tree farm in Kalkaska County, going back to the 1960s and lived for 10 years in Kalkaska.

After the sale of the go-cart company, the Smocks realized they no longer had any real ties to the Detroit area and relocated to their weekend home on Bear Lake in Kalkaska County. They became full time residents in May of 2002 and Matthew is now a sophomore at Grayling High School.

The Smocks formed a new company in March 2003, New Wave Products Manufacturing, LLC, of which the Route-72 Autowash is the primary business. The site for the car wash was purchased in April 2003 and, after meeting all governmental, state, health and township regulations, ground was broken on July 1, 2003.

Dan said Route-72 Autowash also holds a unique environmen-



A new car wash, with "Spider Wraparound" cleaning action will open in Grayling this Saturday. Owners and operators are Suzanne and Dan Smock, along with son, Matthew, and family dog, Bobby.

tally-friendly water reclaim system that takes the used rinse water and filters out all the impurities, then filters any leftover dirt so the water can be reused in the pre-wash area of the car wash. The 10,000 gallon reclaim system holds 4,800 gallons with an overflow capacity of 3,200 gallons, along with a 2,000 gallon fresh water rinse tank.

Daily onsite activities at Route-72 Autowash will be managed by Suzanne, who is the former office and sales manager of SLM, Inc.

For a taste of the good old days, the new deluxe car wash is

expected to employee up to 12 new positions, including attendants whose responsibilities will include greeting customers, explaining various washes and services available, helping drivers load their vehicles on the conveyor, pre-washing the vehicle of any heavy dirt, and washing the car or truck the way customers would expect from an attended car wash.

Route-72 Autowash will house the only "Spider Wraparound" in northern Michigan, with only four of the systems operating in the state. Dan said the system is "one of the newest true car care

cleaning machines that will truly clean the whole vehicle, including the back of your SUV."

The "Spider" also uses new high-tech foam wraps instead of soft cloth. This new material is anti-absorbent and is much lighter while touching (cleaning) a vehicle's surface. "It allows the water and cleaning products to do their job which is to clean cars, not be soaked by the soft cloth," Dan said.

Because Route-72 Autowash is located on a busy main road, Dan said the building design and site layout has been situated so that traffic in and out of the facility is expected to flow easily.

Route-72 Autowash will offer three basic car care/wash packages ranging in price from \$4 to \$8. Hours of operation are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and late night service hours on weekends.

TERRY'S SPORT CENTER, INC.

989-348-7513

**ARCTIC CAT**  
What Snowmobiling's All About.

Sales • Parts  
& Service



**Snowmobile  
Rentals**

Arctic Cat  
single and two person  
machines available

989-348-2188

Located 3 miles West of Grayling on M-72 W • At Blue Bear Trail

**Fun 'n' Sun**

## ATTENTION AUSABLE PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS

Our Grayling office at 1200 N. Down River Rd. and records were damaged or destroyed in a fire on Feb 10, 2004.

If you are in need of services, please review the following:

- Emergency Medical assistance-Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.
- Alternative providers - Suzie Blanchard, FN PD, Dr. Todoroff or any Mercy Health provider.
- Prescriptions - pharmacies will fill with daily call to myself
- Tests & labs that were performed in the past month will be sent to me for follow up.

Patient list and phone numbers are safe, therefore we will be contacting you soon. We are not sure when or where our office will reopen. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. You may contact me through my answering service at 989-366-4360.

Sincerely,  
Laurey R. Hanselman D.O  
Rose & Dianne

## AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for  
Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

Only \$3.85 per week\*

\*\$100.00  
6 month contract

### AREA SERVICES

**BLAINE ROSE**  
3712 S. Loxley Rd.  
Boughton Lake, MI 48629  
Phone: (989) 344-3451  
Cell: (989) 344-4151

**Mike Lesko**  
Propane Sales & Service  
Office: 989-348-7647  
800-292-9295  
113 Fag Street  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Petroleum Marketers

**AJD  
FOREST PRODUCTS**  
LARGEST INDUSTRIAL LUMBER  
PRODUCER IN THE LAKE STATES  
We Buy Standing Timber  
With Superior Cutting  
By Our  
Professional Foresters.  
"A Forest Friendly Company"  
Four Mile Road • P.O. Box 629  
Grayling MI 49738  
(989) 348-5412

**ADVANCED  
BUSINESS  
MACHINES, INC.**  
"People dedicated to service"  
**SHARP**  
COPIERS • FAX  
220 E. Ludington Dr. (989) 588-9750  
FARWELL, MI 48622 1-800-922-5184

Commercial - Industrial - Residential  
**Primary Electric Co.**  
Electrical Contractors  
P.O. Box 398  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Jason Small (989) 348-6440  
David Small (989) 348-4151

Need a "Housewatcher"?  
We will look after your seasonal or full-time home all 4 seasons, 1 week or 52.  
Reasonable Rates • Experienced  
Satisfaction Assured  
**The Housewatcher Company**  
989-348-6294 or 989-348-7333  
"The Housewatcher People"  
Licensed & Bonded

**As Wee Grow**  
Child Care Center  
Come Join The Fun!  
344-TOTS (8687)  
4304 M. 72 West

**L.W. COAN**  
Licensed Insured  
WATER WELL DRILLING  
Things of Quality have no fear of time  
1402 Knott Rd. • Grayling, MI 49735 (989) 342-0642

**MIKE'S SNOWPLOWING**  
989-348-2078  
FREE ESTIMATES  
BOOK EARLY FOR BEST RATES

**Northern Tails**  
Quality Pet Grooming  
Master Groomer  
Monday thru Saturday  
[www.northernails.com](http://www.northernails.com)  
1205 Michigan Ave.  
(across from Mercy)  
\$3.00 to \$7.00 Nail Clipping  
989-344-9999

**TWIN OAKS LANDSCAPING**  
Design & installation for large and small areas  
• Foundation plantings • Retaining walls • Brick  
paver walks, patios, driveways • Landscape lighting  
• Lawn maintenance • Hydroseeding/Sodding  
• Large tree transplanting  
**989-275-8089**  
400 E. Federal Hwy. • Roscommon, MI 48653

**River House Shelter and  
Domestic Crisis Services**  
Educational/Support Group for Women  
Dealing with Domestic Violence Issues  
Offered by River House Shelter &  
Domestic Crisis Services  
Please Call  
1-888-554-3169 or 989-348-3169  
P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738

**Maxine SCHILBE**  
TREE CARE  
Certified Arborist • Fully Insured  
Aerial Equipment • Tree Climbing  
View Development • Tree Trimming  
Tree Removal • Stump Grinding  
Custom Band Sawing  
Higgins Lake  
989-821-8555 • 1-800-829-8555

**TREE AND CRANE SERVICE**  
• Stump Grinding • Concrete or Wood  
Seawalls • Landscaping  
30 years experience Guaranteed Construction  
Estimates Given & Insured  
John Schilbe 989-275-5021 • 1-800-428-3019

**ARMY  
NAVY  
PINEVIEW  
SURPLUS & SUPPLY**  
Dan & Chris Klatt  
989-348-8300  
7329 Old 27 North  
Frederic, MI 49733

**TOMPKIN'S  
EXCAVATING**  
"Two Men And A Hoe"  
Commercial & Residential  
• Site Prep  
• Septic System  
• Basements  
• Drainage Systems  
• Road Grading  
• Parking Lots  
• Lot Clearing  
• Road Building  
• Topsoil, Fill, Gravel, Sand  
• Snowplowing & Removal  
**989-348-9600**

**<CISS>**  
Computer Information Systems Solutions  
Microsoft Certified System Engineer  
Repair Software Installation  
Networking Network Security  
Data Recovery  
Firewall & IDS System  
Remote Administration  
**Jeff Millikin**  
247/365  
24 hr. Onsite Services  
Call: 989-614-1200

**The Sunroom  
Factory**  
Michael B. Spalla  
Licensed Builder  
5219 West M-61  
Gladwin, MI 48624  
989-426-6430  
Toll Free: 888-426-6430  
"The Premier Vinyl Enclosure and the Michigan Room"  
Vinyl sliding Windows Doors Decks Insulated Roofs

**Pretty Darn Quick Cleaning**  
Weekly & monthly rates. We also open & close cabins  
**Pam & Deb**  
Owners  
Residential, commercial and cabins  
We also do first floor windows  
Free estimates  
Phone: 989-348-4255  
or  
989-821-0076  
Fax: 989-821-0076  
E-mail: [mommie363@earthlink.net](mailto:mommie363@earthlink.net)

**Roscommon County Title  
Insurance Agency**  
Over 50 Years of Experience!  
Crawford County Title  
Insurance Agency  
108 Burton Ct., P.O. Box 581  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
Ph. (989) 348-9832  
Fax (989) 348-7511  
E-mail: [merrigan@landcenterprises.com](mailto:merrigan@landcenterprises.com)

**PORTABLE SERVICE**  
• Industrial  
• Commercial • Residential  
• Welding Repair & Fabrication  
**4-MILE WELDING**  
Western Snowplows  
Sales & Service  
1/4 mile west of I-75 on A-Mile  
Road, Grayling • 348-2613

**Milltown Motors  
USED CARS & TRUCKS**  
All kinds of automotive repair  
Pickup truck accessories,  
covers and caps  
EAZ-LIFT Hitches & Towing Products  
Old 27 North • Grayling  
(989) 348-7352

FREE IN-HOME WATER ANALYSIS  
SALES • SERVICE  
RENTALS  
OVER 27 YEARS EXPERIENCE REVERSE  
OSMOSIS SALT DELIVERY  
DOES IT ALL  
SOFTENS WATER  
REMOVES SULFUR  
REMOVES IRON  
989-366-4043 989-744-7636  
1800 B. W. HOUGHTON LAKE DR. HOUGHTON LAKE

**Christi Ukeany**  
Independent  
Demonstrator  
Innovative Rubber Stamps and Supplies  
Earn free stamp sets and supplies with as little as \$150 in  
workshop sales! Book one today!  
(989) 348-7194  
[www.christiuker.com](http://www.christiuker.com)

**NORTHROP CRANE  
SERVICE**  
Jerry Northrop  
Aerial Bucket Truck • Aerial Crane Truck  
561 Killeen Tr. • Grayling, MI 49738

**GRAYLING AREA  
Internet Services**  
Local Access!  
as low as  
**\$18.95**  
per month  
**1.888.282.4932**

**PAUL'S GUN SHOP**  
The finest in sporting, defensive,  
and collector weaponry  
By Appointment  
Paul Easterle  
Ph: (989) 344-0498

**GTK Specialty Printing**  
Greg Koberlein  
[www.gtkspecialtyprinting.com](http://www.gtkspecialtyprinting.com)  
WE PRINT ANYTHING ON ANYTHING  
Advertising Products  
Screen Printing  
Embroidered Apparel  
Fund Raising Items  
Rubber Stamps  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Phone: (989) 344-0888  
Fax: (989) 344-0888  
email: [greg@gtkprinting.com](mailto:greg@gtkprinting.com)



## ADOPT A PET

Are you interested in getting a new pet, but don't have the money to pay high pet store or breeder prices? We have the perfect solution: **Adopt a pet from our local animal shelter.**

Our shelter has a variety of cats and dogs that don't have a home or a loving family to care for them. Our pets are spayed/neutered and vaccinated.

Come and take a look at these wonderful animals that are just waiting to be loved by your family. You're sure to fall in love with at least one!

**Animal Shelter  
of Crawford  
County, Inc.**  
508 1/2 Huron St.  
(989) 348-4117

Or see our pets online at  
[www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)



## Michigan Works! honors Grayling woman

Dawn Marshall, of Grayling, has been honored as an "Alumna of the Year" by the Michigan Works! Association, Michigan's Workforce Development Association. She was nominated by Northeast Michigan Consortium in Onaway.

Marshall was honored on January 27 at a special awards ceremony held in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Building in Lansing. Senator Tony Stamas and Representative Matthew Gillard presented her with a tribute resolution recognizing her success. She was one of only 25 Michigan Works! participants statewide chosen for recognition at the annual Alumni Celebration.

Marshall had the courage to leave an abusive relationship and pursue a better life. She came to the Grayling Michigan Works! office for career guidance where she worked on her professional resume, registered on the Michigan Talent Bank and was pre-registered for assistance under the Workforce Investment Act.

When the Law Offices of Terrence Bloomquist in Grayling contacted Michigan Works! in search of a legal secretary, Marshall was referred for an



Senator Tony Stamas (left), Todd Nye of Terrence Bloomquist and Associates, (center right) and Representative Matt Gillard (right) congratulate Dawn Marshall of Grayling as she was honored as a Michigan Works! "Alumna of the Year."

interview and recommended for an On-the-Job-Training (OJT) agreement. She was hired and successfully completed her OJT.

Attorney Terrence Bloomquist said, "It's been great working with Dawn and all the assistance Michigan Works! has provided to gain such a valuable employee in our firm."

The Alumni Celebration recognizes those individuals who by hard work, determination, and the will to be economically self-sufficient have successfully entered the workforce. It is also a time to recognize the commitment and contribution of employers who have provided

opportunities to those in search of a career.

Michigan Works! is a statewide network of services for people looking for jobs and employers looking for workers. Call 1-800-285-WORKS for services in your community.

Michigan Works! Association is recognized nationally as the largest and most progressive workforce development association in the country. It was established in 1987 to foster high-quality employment and training programs by providing support activities and a forum for information exchange for Michigan's workforce development system.

## Grayling Regional Chamber president honored



Tim Zigla

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives has recognized Tim Zigla, President of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, with a Michigan Chamber Professional Award.

The award is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals. The program was developed in 1990 to encourage and maintain high standards among Chamber of Commerce executives in Michigan.

The Michigan Chamber Professional program requires recipients to meet certain minimum educational requirements annually in order to maintain the designation. Nine Chamber Executives from throughout Michigan received this award on February 5.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives is a statewide organization of individuals involved in the management of Chambers of Commerce. Its purpose is to promote excellence and high ethical standards for chamber professionals through education, information and networking opportunities. It represents more than 100 local Chamber Executives in Michigan.

## River House Shelter & Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library Present



### Media Violence In Our Culture

A Video Series and Discussion for Parents, Professionals and Community Members

MARCH 3, 2004 ~ 12:00 -1:30 --- Killing Us Softly

APRIL 7, 2004 ~ 12:00 -1:30 --- Tough Guise II

Devereaux Memorial Crawford Co Library

201 Plum Street

Grayling

12:00 Noon

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND AN OPEN MIND  
RIVER HOUSE WILL PROVIDE DRINKS AND DESSERT

To RSVP or For More Information call 989-348-3169

## Mercy offers Health Career Exploration Night, March 3

Are you a student interested in a career in health care or an adult considering a career change? If so, you'll want to attend Health Career Exploration Night on March 3.

Mercy Hospital Grayling, in cooperation with the Houghton Lake Community Schools and the COOR Intermediate School District, is sponsoring event.

Health Career Exploration Night will be held Wednesday, March 3, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Houghton Lake High School.

Anyone is welcome to come and learn about these careers, but the evening is really designed for high school students, their parents, and those adults who are thinking about a career change and are interested in the opportunities available in health care.

For more information about Health Career Exploration Night, contact Jodi Shultz at (989) 348-0527.

# AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for  
Home Page Address: [www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

Only \$3.85 per week\*

\*\$100.00  
6 month contract

## AREA SERVICES

### Ferrellgas

PROPANE & APPLIANCES

525 N. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738

Bryan Klemish  
District Manager

(989) 348-6241  
(800) 477-6241



### Grayling Glass

Mobile Service

989-348-6641 Office  
989-732-5243 after 5 pm  
1-800-446-6850

1178 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI

Scott Taskey  
Manager

### Jack Millikin, Inc. Excavating & Redi-Mix

Grayling, MI  
Masonry Work  
Septic Installation,  
Repair & Service-Sand-Gravel  
Topsoil-Brick Pavers  
Block & Insulated Poured Wall  
Foundations



(989) 348-8411  
Fax: (989) 348-3913  
E-mail: [jmillik@freeway.net](mailto:jmillik@freeway.net)  
[www.jackmillikininc.com](http://www.jackmillikininc.com)

### BUYING SCRAP Aluminum, Brass, Copper, Sheet Iron, Appliances & More

Since 1935

### West Branch Steel Company

2415 M-78, West Branch  
Quarter mile South of I-75 Business Loop

345-1300  
800-292-3650

### A-JACKS SERVICES

• Bury It • Cut It • Clean It • Clear It  
• Dig It • Fix It • Haul It • Nail It • Paint It  
• Plumb It • Pound It • Rake It • Shovel It  
• Split It • Stack It • Tilt It • Wire It  
• Weld It • Shampoo It & More  
RON

Cell: 989-619-0239 ~ Pager: 989-276-9484

Put your business  
before over  
8,000 readers and the  
Internet for  
\$92 for 6 months  
(\$3.54 per week)  
Home Page Address:  
[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)

### GRAF CENTER

606 Lake Street  
Roscommon  
989-275-4975  
www.grafcenter.com  
Room Rentals for Meetings • Parties • Classes

### ALPINE CARPET

VINCE OPALINSKI & MATT OPALINSKI  
Owners  
Floor Covering Sales  
1492 Mariette Rd.  
Waters, MI 49797 (989) 732-1759

## ACCOUNTANTS

### John D. Cherven

Certified Public Accountant  
Grayling Mini-Mall  
P.O. Box 825  
348-2554  
Tax Preparation and Consultation  
General Accounting Services

Michael A. DiPonio  
Certified Public Accountant  
Lake Margrethe  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
(989) 348-1704  
Accounting, tax and  
consulting services

Mickey Perez P.C.  
Certified Public Accountant  
115 Michigan Ave.  
(989) 348-2811  
OFFICE HOURS  
Mon. thru Fri. • 8 to 5

## PLUMBING & HEATING



### JIM'S WELL DRILLING

Water Wells • Pump Service  
Free Estimates • Residential & Commercial  
Grayling & Surrounding Area  
989-348-8788  
1.3 miles East of Grayling (M-72),  
2 mile North on Clear Water Trail

SCOTT'S SEPTIC  
SYSTEM SERVICE  
Installation  
Cleaning  
Repairs  
Residential & Commercial • Complete  
Excavating Service • Radio Dispatched  
Insured • New Equipment  
Roscommon, MI • 275-5811

Hebert Plumbing  
& Heating  
Residential & Commercial  
Plumbing • Heating • Mechanical  
Service available 24 hours • Custom Sheet Metal Shop  
Call for free estimates 348-4900  
26 N I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling  
(1 mile N of M-72 West Side)

### Heating and Air Conditioning

• Sheet Metal Fabrication  
• Licensed Boiler Installer  
• 27 Years Experience  
• Insured  
• Licensed Mechanical  
Contractor  
Jeff Rose, Owner  
989-348-6574

Jansens  
Heating/Cooling & Plumbing Service  
"Continuing on the tradition of  
48 years of Quality Service"  
PHONE 348-5571 FAX 348-2010  
6264 W M-72, Grayling, MI 49738

Dan's Plumbing & Service  
Licensed Master Plumber  
Licensed Mechanical Contractor  
PLUMBING HEATING  
INSTALLATION  
New Homes Boilers  
Remodeling Forced Air  
Kitchen & Baths Repairs  
Repairs Free Estimates  
Dan Wickert • 348-2539

### Thomas I. O'Brien Architect Inc.

9029 North Oak Road  
County Road #100  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
821-0404

Grayling Hospital  
for Animals, P.C.  
DR. WAYNE L. CASLER  
DR. PAUL W. MESACK  
DR. TROY FAIRBANKS  
DR. NANCY MARTINDALE  
586 West M-72  
Grayling, Michigan 49738  
AT ALL TIMES PH. 348-8622  
HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT

Roscommon Walk-In  
Medical Clinic  
• Physicals • Treatment of minor  
injuries & illnesses  
Frederick L. Lawrence, M.D.  
Monday through Friday  
11 am to 4 pm  
No appointment necessary, but accepted  
(989) 275-8585  
100 Main St. • Roscommon (Behind Carling)

### SUPERIOR JANITORIAL SERVICE, INC.

Commercial -- Industrial  
PHONE  
348-2114

Do you need a high-quality, dependable  
caregiver for you or your loved one?  
Compassionate  
Care Home Health Services Inc.  
Offers Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Companion &  
Live-in -- services from 2 to 24 hours per day  
Offices in Gaylord, Alpena, Oscoda, West Branch and Midland  
Please call toll free ...when only home  
1-877-308-1212 will do, we can help

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR  
Victims Of Domestic Violence  
Emotional • Verbal  
Sexual • Physical  
Weekly groups available in Crawford &  
Ogemaw counties  
For more information,  
Call River House Shelter • 348-3100  
COLLECT CALLS ACCEPTED

### HAL'S MASONRY, INC.

The Foundation Dreams Are Built On  
MASONRY SERVICES  
• Block • Brick •  
• Cultured Stone •  
• Flatwork • Stamped Concrete •  
• Poured Walls • Retaining Walls •

EXCAVATING SERVICES  
• Backhoe • Dozer  
• Septics • Drainfields •  
• Lot Clearing •  
3730 Arborvitae Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6179 • Fax: (989) 348-5096  
Licensed & Insured

Put your business  
before over  
8,000 readers and the  
Internet for  
\$92 for 6 months  
(\$3.54 per week)  
Home Page Address:  
[www.townnews.com/avalanche/](http://www.townnews.com/avalanche/)



# GHS to host forensics tournament

Grayling High School has invited 34 schools from all over Michigan to compete in the Grayling High School Forensic Tournament which will be held Saturday, March 6.

There are fourteen categories students may choose to perform in: broadcasting, impromptu, extemporaneous, extemporaneous for grades 9 and 10, oratory, sales, informative, storytelling, prose, poetry, poetry for grades 9 and 10, duo, dramatic interpretation and multiples.

During the day, a student may have to do their presentation up to five times with the last round determining the final standings. After each round of judging, the students' individual score is entered into a computer program designed by a GHS math teacher, Barb Febey. Once scores have been tallied they are posted in a hall for students to see their standings.

Sixteen GHS students will be competing at this invitational according to Coach Chris Lackenbacher:

Broadcasting - Laura Gorski and Tracey Payne,

Extemporaneous - Beth Lucey and Nick Henning,

Informative - Becky

Ramaswamy and Orland Dami, Impromptu - Austin Andrus, Sales - Jenny Long and Ariel Strohkirch, Storytelling - Robert Ramaswamy and Maggie VanGuldner,

Duo - Kim Long and Jamie Wyss,

Poetry - Dorothy Zarnic,

Dramatic Interpretation - Ben Lucey.

The expansion of the high school made it possible to hold the largest Forensic Tournament to date, with 34 teams from across the state competing. According to Assistant Coach Margaret Knapp, the tournament has had as many as 22 teams but it was crowded. The larger facilities also make it much nicer for friends and family who attend the daylong event to support their competitor.

An Awards ceremony will be held at the end of the day and first through sixth place trophies will be presented in each category.

School trophies will be given to the first, second and third place teams with three trophies given to large school, three to medium sized schools and three to small schools.



Ben Lucey wears the team mascot after practicing his dramatic interpretation.

Schools invited span from Munising to Uby, Manistee to Chesaning. Some students will travel by bus 4 or more hours on Saturday before they even start competition, only to start home as late as 6:00 p.m.

The GHS team recently competed in Beaverton where they finished fourth out of 21 teams. Tracey Payne and Laura Gorski finished third and fourth in Broadcasting; Nick Henning and Beth Lucey finished first and

second in extemporaneous; Jenny Long finished fifth in Sales; Becky Ramaswamy finished first in Informative; Samantha Collin finished fourth in Oratory. Ben Lucey, Orland Dami, Jamie Wyss and Kim Long all advanced to the semi-final round.

The Forensics Team will compete in three tournaments in March, and one in April. The state tournament will be held May 1, in Ann Arbor.

## Senators call closing veterans' Saginaw facility 'unacceptable'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Carl Levin (D-MI) have asked Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi to reject the recommendations of a commission that has called for closing the acute care facility at the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw.

In a letter sent to Principi on February 23, the senators outlined their opposition to the recommendation made by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, known as CARES, which has used a market-based approach to determine where healthcare facilities for veterans should be located in 2010 and beyond.

"Closing the Saginaw acute care facility could add as much as four hours to the trip of a northern Michigan veteran who needs access to these medical services," Stabenow said today. "Sen. Levin and I have sought to emphasize to Secretary Principi that this closure would have a major negative impact on the very people the administration was created to serve."

"Our veterans earned their benefits, and the new generation of soldiers who will be returning home from service around the globe should have every expectation to believe that they will be cared for in a reasonable manner when they complete their service," said Levin. "It is totally unreasonable to expect someone to have to drive hundreds of miles to receive medical attention. We cannot accept the closure of the Saginaw acute care facility without viable alternatives."

To illustrate the hardship the closure could impose on northern Michigan veterans, Stabenow and Levin noted that it would force a veteran in Mackinaw City to have to drive 281 miles to a Detroit facility or 272 miles to an Ann Arbor facility, adding four hours - under ideal conditions - to the normal trip to Saginaw. Such addition commuting time, they said, was equivalent to asking a veteran from southeast Michigan to go to Buffalo, New York, for acute care.

"Asking aging veterans to drive hundreds of miles for medical care is unacceptable," the senators agreed.

## Fourth graders begin birdhouse contest

About 80 fourth grade students enrolled in the Crawford AuSable School District, at Camp AuSable, and at Calvary Baptist Academy will participate in this year's annual Birdhouse Contest.

This year's contest was introduced to the Grayling Elementary School students by Jerry Hayes, president of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, which sponsors the contest.

All fourth grade students have the opportunity to compete to see who can have the first baby bird hatch in their birdhouse, which they have constructed from a kit provided by the club. The winner receives a new bicycle.

Look for the winner of this year's Camp Grayling Conservation Club Birdhouse



Fourth grader Garret Brehmer receives directions on building his birdhouse from Jerry Hayes, president of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club.

Contest to be announced sometime in May.

The Crawford County

Avalanche will publish the results of the contest as soon as they are available.

## Fugitive arrested after spotted by plow drivers

Continued from Page 1A

About an hour later, road commission driver Tom Sorenson reported to fellow driver, Russ Strohpaul that he may have seen the suspect's maroon four-door Chevrolet Caprice. The pair was able to confirm Hall's location and reported back to Shearer who notified Toms, Vranish and DeVries.

Hall was soon spotted entering southbound I-75, just south of Grayling, but as he tried to flee from police, Hall lost control on the slushy roadway, struck a

semi-tractor trailer truck and drove into a ditch in Beaver Creek Township. Hall was taken into custody shortly thereafter.

Taylor said Hall received minor injuries and the truck driver was not injured.

"These guys did us a huge favor out there," Taylor said of Shearer, Sorenson and Strohpaul. "They really deserve a big pat on the back for helping out the way they did."

Hall was arrested on warrants out of the Corunna area, as well as on local charges including

possession of marijuana. Hall was found with two bags of marijuana weighing a total of 48 grams or nearly two ounces.

## Book discussion rescheduled

Those in the community who were looking forward to reading and discussing the book, *The Perfect Storm* as part of the "One Book, One County" program, are invited to participate in two discussions, now planned for March 2 and 9.

Copies of the book and videos are available to check out at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library prior to the discussions scheduled for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each date.

The book written by Sebastian Junger, as well as the movie, is based on a true story set in October 1991 about the six-man crew of the commercial fishing vessel, Andrea Gail, as it experienced a once-in-a-century tempest with waves 10 stories high and winds of 120 miles per hour.

A book club associated with the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will host each discussion, with Margaret Tatum serving as facilitator. Tatum is a Composition, English and Women's Literature instructor at Kirtland Community College.

The Devereaux Memorial Library is located at 201 Plum Street, next to the AuSable

Primary School in Grayling. Library hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on the "One Book, One County" program or the upcoming discussions, call the library at 348-9214.

**Roscommon Cinema**  
Now Showing  
Fri, Feb 27 - Mon, March 1  
PG  
MIRACLE  
Fri - Mon 7 PM  
Sat & Sun  
MATINEE 4 PM  
NEW SHOWS EVERY FRIDAY  
THE PASSION IS COMING  
Call 989-804-5059  
for group bookings  
200 N. Main Roscommon  
989-275-5959

**If You've Been Involved  
In A Collision...**  
**Navigate Your Way To  
A Gold Class Shop!**

**JIM'S COLLISION**  
"Your Best Choice"

**Lifetime Collision Warranty  
Loaner Program Available**

Jim & Laura Witt  
Exit 244, Roscommon, MI  
(Just past TeePee Restaurant)  
989-275-8606  
Check out our credentials at: I-CAR.com

**I-CAR GOLD CLASS**  
COLLEGE TRAINING  
I-CAR® is an ASE-certified training provider.

**The Sensible Environmentalist**

(NAPS) DEAR DR. MOORE:  
I'm designing a new home. Do you have any advice on building "green"?

Building green can be interpreted in different ways. Green as a measure of environmental friendliness is what I'll focus on here.

Everything we do has an impact on the environment. Designing your own home, you have an opportunity to minimize your impact through energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources.

Wood, for example, is the only major building material that is renewable. Wood products also require less energy - from extraction through manufacturing - than concrete or steel, use less fossil fuels to make, produce less water and air pollution, and result in far lower emissions of greenhouse gases. A recent study comparing buildings designed using primarily wood, steel or concrete, found the concrete design required 70 percent more energy to build and the steel design 140 percent more energy to build than the wood option.

Once your home is built, there is an even greater opportunity to save energy through efficiency and the sources of energy used to heat and cool the home, provide hot water, power lights and run appliances.

For example, wood is a better insulator than other construction materials - 8.5 times better than concrete and 400 times better than steel. A wood-framed home that is well-insulated and sealed stays naturally warmer in winter and cooler in summer, which translates into reduced energy consumption.

Install a high-efficiency furnace and Energy Star air conditioners and appliances, and use compact fluorescent light bulbs which consume less energy and last much longer. In some parts of the country, consumers can also choose to buy "green" energy produced by wind, hydro, and biomass (usually wood waste). The most environmentally friendly technology is the ground source heat pump that uses renewable earth energy from beneath your home to provide heat, air conditioning and hot water.

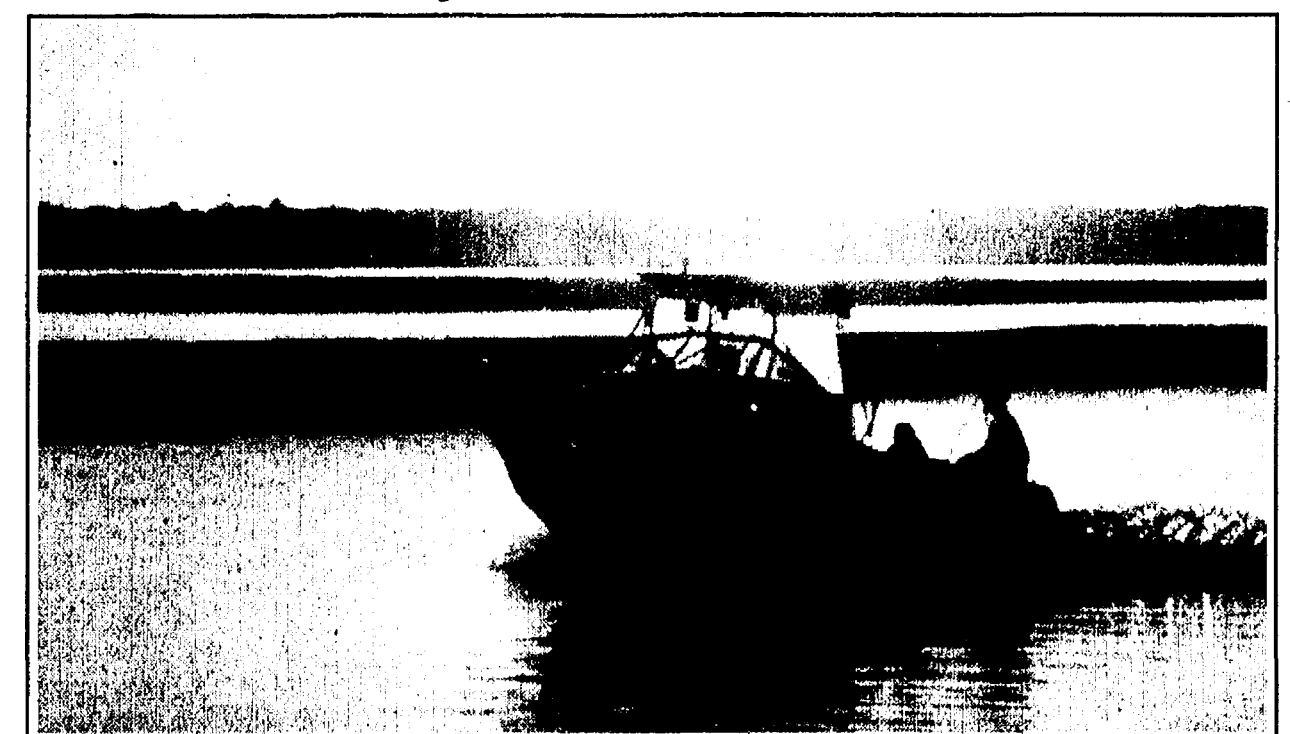
The more consumers seek out environmentally friendly designs, the more available and cost-effective they'll become. I believe a sensible environmentalist would in building a new home, focus wherever possible on the use of wood, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder and former president of Greenpeace, he holds a Ph.D. in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com.

Look for future articles on our environment.  
Brought to you by AJD Forest Products.  
We care about our forest, we make our living there.

**AJD**

## Wouldn't you love to do this?



## Boats & RVs

Rates as low as . . .

**4.49%\***

\* Rates and terms subject to change.

Grayling  
348-7488

Houghton Lake  
386-9846

**NORTH CENTRAL**  
AREA CREDIT UNION  
"Where your money matters!"

Roscommon  
275-5169

Standish  
846-9553



**PRESCRIPTIONS  
AT CANADIAN PRICES**

Courier Meds, Ltd.  
344 Keewatin St., Winnipeg,  
Manitoba, Canada

Manitoba Pharmacy license #32656

Toll-free phone **1-877-992-6337**

# SPORTS & RECREATION

**Urgent news for people who have used  
WELDING RODS**

Scientists report that elevated manganese exposure from welding rod fumes has been associated with Parkinsonism (like Parkinson's disease) and manganism. Symptoms include shakiness, distorted facial expression, loss of equilibrium, decreased hand agility, difficulty walking, joint pain, loss of short term memory, slurred/slow speech, stiffness in muscles and tremors. If you have experienced any of these problems, call us today toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

**GOLDBERG & OSBORNE**  
1-800-THE-EAGLE  
(1-800-843-3245)  
www.1800theeagle.com

Open 7 days a week

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
AVALANCHE**  
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling • 348-6811

Read the  
**Newspaper**

**Crawford County's  
Hometown  
Newspaper Since  
1879**

**Subscribe Today**

**INN THE WOODS  
RESTAURANT**

Weekends are Special at Michaywé

**Friday ~ Fish Dinner**  
1, 2, or 3 pcs. starting at **\$6.95**

**Saturday ~ Prime Rib Dinner**  
3 cuts - 3 prices starting at **\$10.95**

**Sunday ~ Breakfast Buffet**  
From 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM **\$7.95**

Open each day of the week serving  
lunch and dinner

**Michaywé Inn The Woods**  
1535 Opal Lake Road, Gaylord  
**989-939-8800** for reservations

## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

**Men's Team**  
ROSCOMMON - Kirtland clinched its second straight berth in the state championship tournament Wednesday with a wild, 109-97 victory over archrival Alpena behind a 42-point effort by Martin Samarco.

"We got a lot of good performances by a lot of people," said Coach Glen Donahue, whose team entered the game in a three-way tie for fifth place in a race for the final two playoff berths in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

He didn't learn until late Thursday afternoon that a series of tiebreakers fell in his team's favor. A victory at St. Clair in the regular-season finale would clinch sole possession of fifth place. A loss would mean a sixth-place finish. The top six teams of each conference make the state tournament.

The win over Alpena was the typical affair between these two teams - physical and emotional, especially during some tense moments down the stretch when Alpena was fighting, almost literally, from behind.

"They played tackle basketball the last seven minutes of the game, and it got real emotional," Donahue said. "Our guys were able to remain calm amid a lot of turmoil."

The contingent from Alpena could not. The Lumberjacks

were hit with five technical fouls, including a rare triple technical on the coaching staff.

Samarco went to the line each time, hitting 9 of 10 of the free throws following the technicals, and 16 of 17 from the line for the game.

Kirtland made the visitors pay dearly for their physical play, hitting 30 of 35 from the line in the game.

Juandrell Lewis had 19 points, Terrance Coker had 14 and Loren Oberle added 12 for Kirtland, which overcame an early 14-point deficit to win going away.

The win raised Kirtland's record to 15-11 overall and 6-9 in the conference.

The Lumberjacks placed six players in double figures, led by Brent Wichtner's 24 points. Drew Kemp and Keith Nowak each had 17 as Alpena fell to 5-18 overall and 3-12 in the conference.

ROSCOMMON - Martin Samarco scored 18 points and Victor Hamilton added 17 to lead Kirtland to a thrilling 72-71 victory Monday night over Oakland Community College, a win that kept the Firebirds in contention for the state tournament.

Kirtland's win wasn't sealed until a desperation shot by Oakland caromed off the rim as the horn sounded to end the game.

The Firebirds lost in overtime

at Oakland last week. Monday's game was a makeup contest after the originally scheduled game was postponed because of bad weather.

Frank Washington contributed 10 points for Kirtland, which improved to 14-11 overall and 5-9 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The win pulled the Firebirds into a fifth-place tie with Oakland and Macomb. The top six teams in the 10-team Eastern Conference of the MCCA qualify for the state tournament.

Craig Myree led Oakland with 15 points. Delbert Freeman added 11 for Oakland, 9-15 overall and 5-9 in the conference.

**Women's Team**  
ROSCOMMON - Kamac Larson registered her first career triple double, scoring 18 points, grabbing 20 rebounds and blocking 10 shots to power Kirtland to a 64-58 win Wednesday over Alpena.

Playing with just six players for the third straight game, the Lady Firebirds built a 21-point lead early in the second half and watched it evaporate to one point with about five minutes remaining.

"We were pretty tired. This was our third game in six days, and we have a pretty short bench," Coach Jimmy Parker said. "But I'm really pleased

with the effort. The girls played very hard, and the mistakes we made were more mental than physical."

Janel Kenyon had 20 points, Brianna Glasscox had 12, and Kenzie Steward added eight points with 12 rebounds for the Lady Firebirds.

They won for just the second time in 18 games to raise their record to 6-21 overall and 2-13 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

"This is a very intense rivalry we have with Alpena," Parker said, "so in that respect it was a good one to win."

Joni Ames scored 15 points to lead Alpena, 5-18 overall and 3-12 in the conference.

Kirtland closes its regular season Saturday at St. Clair.

ROSCOMMON - Brianna Glasscox scored 22 points and Janel Kenyon added 20 while grabbing 18 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as Oakland Community College put five players in double figures Monday in an 88-57 victory.

The game was a makeup contest; the originally scheduled game was postponed because of bad weather.

The loss dropped Kirtland to 5-21 overall and 1-13 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Fatou N'Diaye had 24 points and 18 rebounds for Oakland, 17-8 overall and 12-3 in the conference.

## GRA WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority youth wrestling team finished its 2004 regular season with a 16-team meet at Gladwin on Saturday, February 21.

Placements for the GRA team included:

1st - Jonathan Martin (40), Zach Mack (58), Ty Jensen (77),

Olivia Peters (110);  
2nd - Nick Petrie (55), Daniel Duvall (71), Austin Harris (110), Ben Brown (100);  
3rd - Thomas Barnes (46), Zack Cheney (heavyweight), Zach Wolcott (80), Shane Grove (119), Kyle Peters (heavyweight);  
4th - Kyle Schmidt (55), Joey Schwartz (80), Matthew Hilbrecht (126).

The GRA youth wrestling squad competed in a 16-team tournament at Oscoda on Saturday, February 14.

Placements for the GRA team included:

1st - Wyatt Thompson (55), Nick Petrie (58), Zach Mack

(58), Daniel Duvall (71), Zach Wolcott (80), Austin Harris (110), Kyle Peters (heavyweight);  
2nd - Devin Joseph (55), Ty Jensen (77), Cody Elmy (67), Joey Schwartz (80), Derek Babbitt (heavyweight), Shayla Grove (70), Shane Grove (119);  
3rd - Jonathan Martin (40), Logan Duvall (46), John Hilbrecht (58), Kyle Schmidt (55), Douglas Hagle (49), Zach Joseph (heavyweight), Avery Bergman (N/A);  
4th - Ashton Linkhart (67).

Some of the older GRA wrestlers will compete in a regionals event at Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, February 28.

## MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Scott McNamara Ford ... 5-0  
HLM ... 3-2  
Spike's ... 3-2  
Holiday Inn ... 1-3  
Mercy Family Practice ... 0-5  
Scott McNamara Ford 65 - Schmitt 25, Ewalt 16, Church 12, Patterson 8, Wycoff 4.  
Spikes 47 - Krey 14, Thompson 12, Junttila 11, Doremire 6, Potter 2.  
HML 68 - Ruddy 23, Trenary 21, Grant 6, Kirimo 5, Johnston 5, Dandy 4, Tobin 4.  
Mercy Family Practice 57 - Jansen 14, Mires 13, Thorton 13, Schultz 11, Strickler 6.

## GRA GIRLS BASKETBALL

**GRA Girls Basketball  
League Results: Week #5**

This past Saturday was the fifth week of GRA Girls Basketball. In the first contest of the day, the Comets beat the Storm in a close game with a final score of 22-19. During the second game the Shock came out ahead of the Sparks with a score of 21-20.

Come check out the teams this Saturday at the Grayling Middle School, first game starts at 10

a.m. For further information please check out GRA's website at: [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org)

**Standings:**

Team	W	L
Comets	4	1
Shock	4	1
Sparks	2	3
Storm	0	5

**Overall Team Points**

Comets	101
Shock	97
Sparks	104
Storm	87

## POOL LEAGUE

**Women's Standings  
2-16-2004**

Frederic Inn	142
Gray Rock	121
Legion	111
Plaza	147
Sawmill I	97
Sawmill II	174
5 Ball Runs: Tonya (Plaza), Denise (Gray Rock), Jeanne, 2-5 ball runs (Sawmill I), Cindy (Sawmill II).	
8 Ball Run: Tammy Sue - Sawmill I.	
Won all six games: Cindy and	

**Melonie - Sawmill II  
Men's Standings**

Legion	81
Sawmill Fun	63
Sawmill Table Runners	64
Riverside	30
Plaza	49
Ole Barn	70
Frederic Inn	72
Sawmill Last Minute Men	73
8 Ball Runs: Phil F. (Sawmill Fun).	
Won all six: Doc and Mike (Sawmill LMM).	

**We Can Save  
You Money**

When you insure both your home & car with us, we'll save you money with our special multi-policy discounts.

Call  
Jansen Insurance Agency today.

**JANSEN**  
AGENCY & ASSOC., INC.  
PO Box 472, 2370 S. I-75 Bus. Loop,  
Grayling, Michigan  
**348-6711**

Hastings Mutual Insurance Company

**ACE SUPER COUPONS**

**ACE**

JEN MFG. CO.  
**3/\$100**

2" Foam Paintbrush  
• Use with all paints, stains, varnishes, and urethanes to smooth surfaces  
• Not for shellac or lacquer 10111

Good at participating Ace Hardware Stores. Limit 3 per customer. Expires March 31, 2004.

**ACE**

you pay **3.99**  
less \$2 mail-in rebate  
**final cost 1.99**

9" One Coat Roller Covers  
• 3/pk. 1005719

Good at participating Ace Hardware Stores. Limit 5 per customer. Expires March 31, 2004.

**ACE**

Print Edger  
**99¢**

Trimline Paint Edger  
• Guide wheels for neat, accurate trimming 18168

Good at participating Ace Hardware Stores. Limit 1 each per customer. Expires March 31, 2004.

**ACE**

you pay **2.99**  
less \$1 mail-in rebate  
**final cost 1.99**

Shop Towels 2/Pk.  
• 11" x 10.4"  
• 55 sheets/roll  
• Washable 1207000

Good at participating Ace Hardware Stores. Limit 1 each per customer. Expires March 31, 2004.

**McLean's Hardware**  
209 S. James Street • Grayling • 348-2931  
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Sat. 8:00 am to 5:30 pm & Sun. 9 am to 2 pm

Due to physical size, merchandising policies and manufacturer's shortages, some stores may be unable to stock all items shown. However, most items can be ordered by your Ace dealer and a "Rain Check" can be issued assuring you of the sale price featured. Not responsible for printing errors.



## OBITUARIES

### Lou Ann Crosby

Sept. 30, 1939 - Feb. 21, 2004

Lou Ann Crosby surrounded by her loving family, went home to be with the Lord on February 21, 2004.

Lou Ann was 64 years old and a resident of Grayling. She passed away at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Lou Ann was born on September 30, 1939 to Raymon and Loretta (Allen) Harper in Flint. On September 15, 1968 she married Max R. Crosby.

Mrs. Crosby was a beloved and respected resident of the Frederic and Grayling communities for many years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #106 as well as a Charter Member of the VFW "Carl W. Borchers" Auxiliary #3736. Over the past years she held many offices with the VFW Auxiliary, but was most proud of serving six years as president. At the time of her death she was holding the office of Junior Vice-President. Lou Ann was the Americanism Chairperson for the VFW and held this position for one year for District 11. Lou Ann was also instrumental in coordinating the Grayling 4th of July Parade. And in earlier years worked with the State Police "We Care" Program.

Lou Ann loved God and held her country in high esteem. She had faith in mankind and was kind and gentle spirited to all who crossed her path. Anyone who knew her, knows what a kind and generous person she was. Lou Ann will be sadly missed by those she left behind.

She is survived by one son, Brian Crosby of Grayling; one brother Allen (Linda) Harper of Houghton Lake; brother-in-law, Edward Weiss of Adrian; sister-in-law, Donna Harper of Belleville; several nieces and nephews and many special friends.

Besides her parents and husband, Lou Ann was greeted at her heavenly home by one brother, Donald Harper and a sister, Raylene (Harper) Weiss.

A Memorial Service is being planned by her family at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in Lou Ann's name to either the VFW Auxiliary #3736 or to the family.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Violet June Adamen

April 22, 1926 - Feb. 23, 2004

Violet June Adamen, age 77, of Grayling, died Monday February 23, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born April 22, 1926 in Detroit, to Christopher Adamen and Veronica Lukaszewicz.

Violet was a clerk/keypunch operator for the railroad industry. She enjoyed travel and new experiences and people.

She is survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and dear friends.

Violet was preceded in death by beloved sister Emily (Harold) Smith; Anthony (Jewel) Adamen; also an aunt to Diane.

Call Sorenson Funeral Home for funeral date and time.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following kinds of complaints during the period of February 15-22:

One motorist assist, one assault, six assist other departments, two traffic warnings, one felony arrest, four alarms, one disturbing the peace, one suspicious behavior, one city ordinance, one MDOP and six unclassified.



Taylor Kaye Beebe

Oct. 6, 1992 - Feb. 19, 2004

Taylor Kaye Beebe, age 11, of Grayling, died February 19, 2004, at home.

Taylor was born on October 6, 1992 to David Owen Myers Jr. and Sara Ann (Beebe) Myers in Grayling. She earned her wings on February 19, 2004. Taylor was born with a terminal illness and lived for 11 years, nine years longer than most with her disease. Taylor has taught us more than we can ever say in her short time here.

Taylor leaves behind: her parents, David and Sara Myers Jr. of Grayling; two brothers - Dakota Myers and Logan Myers; grandmother Sally (Bill Fisher) Beebe of Grayling; grandmother Arvilla Pepsin of Grayling; grandpa David (Lila) Myers Sr. of Kinross; grandpa Danny Mathey; great grandparents Bertha Grice, Irene Galvani, Ted Stephan, and Howard and Barb Bunker; aunts and uncles Jill, Heather, Angie and Davy, Melinda, Danielle and Tommy, Jennifer, Mary, Richard and Nicky, Daniel and William; cousins Zowie, Syllis, Malachi, Miranda, Alex, Kaylynn, Davy II, Logan and Deacon; honorary grandparents Dave and Sue, Ray and Kathy Lucas our very supportive extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 20 at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Mary Beth Brady, the spiritual care coordinator at Mercy Amicare Hospice presiding. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Grace C. Kabel

February 20, 2004

Grace C. Kabel of Plymouth, MI., died in her home on February 20, 2004.

She leaves behind seven children, many grandchildren and thousands of basketmakers.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 5, at St. Kenneth's Church in Plymouth.

## DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: March 3 and 17.

Family planning: March 2, 16 and 30.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for appointment.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: March 8, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three to 18. Call for an appointment. Appointments are necessary. Next session March 5 at the Grayling Head Start building. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

Breast and cervical cancer screening: March 23. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40-64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services are available; call (989)348-7800 for appointment.

Other health services include: Maternal/Infant support - Families Matter, Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.), OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training session. Mi Child and Healthy Kids Insurance Programs; Health Promotion Programs: - Smoking Cessation Classes - Abstinence Education (and various health topic presentations by health educators).

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 25 - March 2 is as follows: The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) February 25-27 and March 1-2.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, mission-firing requirements beyond this time may be authorized by the Post Commander without additional notice to the public. The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 67 complaints the week of February 16-22:

One hazardous situation, 11 traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, one traffic violation - civil, one other inspection, one civil matter dispute - family trouble, four suspicious situations, 20 general non-criminal, two hazardous spills, three delinquent minors, four false alarm activation, one CSC/sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, three larceny, one larceny-other, one motor vehicle theft, four public peace/disorderly, one health and safety, one conservation, four driving violations/DWLS, etc.

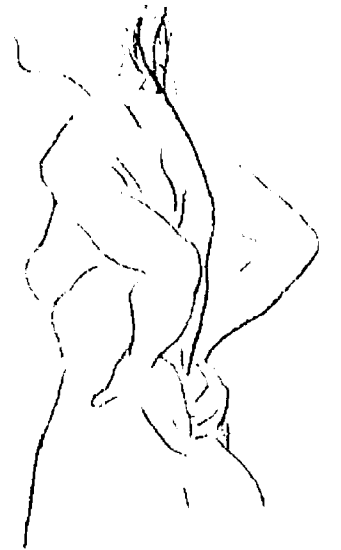
For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

ONCE UPON A TIME, YOU FELT WELL.

- You slept well
- Your joints moved without restriction
- You rarely experienced headaches
- Your muscles were balanced and rarely felt cramped or spastic (*Proper muscle function is dependent on proper joint function*)
- Your meals were well tolerated
- You didn't feel fatigue or sore all over

YOU LOST SOMETHING AND YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO GET IT BACK!

SO...  
HAVEN'T  
YOU  
WAITED  
LONG  
ENOUGH?



## GRAYLING CHIROPRACTIC

Spinal Treatment Center & Alternative Medicine

ORLAND W. DAMI, D.C.  
(989) 348-3128

BCBS  
PPO/PPOM Provider  
Most major ins. Accepted

Since  
1985

We're taking rate plan savings to new heights...



Kyocera 2135 Nokia 3585i Kyocera 414  
Free Free Free

With your choice of plan.

CELLULARONE  
The next best way to say hello.™

Cellular One Stores

ALPENA  
494 Ripley Blvd.  
989-354-7441

CHEBOYGAN  
1111 East State St.  
231-627-3059

ESCANABA  
1034 N. Lincoln Rd.  
906-786-2544

GAYLORD  
2136 West M-32  
989-732-0032 or  
800-968-3199

ALPENA MALL  
2290 US 23 South  
989-354-8296

NEWBERRY  
1104 Newberry Ave.  
906-236-2366

ST. IGNACE  
288 South State St.  
906-643-8058

SAULT STE. MARIE  
510 Ashmun St.  
Suite 1A  
906-635-1313

Two year service agreement. While supplies last, phone offer subject to change. Some restrictions apply. See your sales representative for details.

## THE BROOK OF ROSCOMMON

OPENINGS NOW AVAILABLE

\*ASSISTED LIVING

- Studio Apartments

- One Bedroom Apartments

\* INDEPENDENT LIVING

- Two Bedroom Apartment



## THE BROOK OF WEST BRANCH

OPENINGS NOW AVAILABLE

\*ASSISTED LIVING

- Studio Apartments

- One Bedroom Apartments

\* INDEPENDENT LIVING

- One Bedroom Apartments

- Two Bedroom Apartments

WE HAVE OPENINGS!!!

THE BROOK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY - WEST BRANCH 343-1400  
THE BROOK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY - ROSCOMMON 275-4000



**137 years of experience**

**Our fast claims service is "No Problem."**

Our agency is well-known for providing fast, efficient and fair claims service. That's because we represent Auto-Owners Insurance, who, according to the national consumers' magazine, ranks consistently as one of the top insurers in the country. That's why we are known as The "No Problem" People®. Ask us about our great service today!

**Auto-Owners Insurance**  
The "No Problem" People®

**E.A. CORNELL AGENCY, INC. INSURANCE**

P.O. Box 527, M-72 East at I-75  
Grayling, MI 49738  
800-666-8896 • FAX (989) 348-6761

**Grayling Promotional Association SAVE 10% • Michigan Council of Commerce SAVE 10% • Grayling Chamber of Commerce SAVE 10% • Higgins Lake/Roscommon Chamber of Commerce SAVE 10%**

**Paul Thomson 42 years**  
**George Stancil 29 years**  
**Ron Thomson 18 years**  
**Linda Northrop 16 years**  
**Kay Osowski 3 years**  
**Sharon Sloan 1 year**  
**Donnda Klee 13 years**  
**Annette Metzler 13 years**  
**Tiffanie Stadler 2 years**

## Secord, Dykema engaged



**1st Lt. Wesley J. Dykema and Jami Marie Secord**

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Secord, of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jami Marie, to First Lieutenant Wesley John Dykema. Lt. Dykema is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dykema of Muskegon.

Jami is a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a Before and After School Program Site Director for the Southeast Family Armed Services YMCA in Colorado Springs, CO.

Wes is a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. He is assigned to the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson, CO, currently deployed in Samarra, Iraq.

The couple plans a June 12, 2004 wedding in Traverse City.

## Gaynor, Chesner engaged



**Katie J. Gaynor and Charles F. Chesner III**

Katie J. Gaynor, of Gaylord, and Charles F. Chesner III, of Waters, are engaged to be married.

Katie is the daughter of Diane and the late Bob Gaynor, of Gaylord. She is a 2003 graduate of Gaylord High School and attends Baker College in Owosso where she is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Charles is the son of Chuck and Bonita Chesner of Waters. He is also a 2003 graduate of Gaylord High School and is on active duty with the U.S. Navy, stationed in Pensacola, FL where he is studying aviation electronics.

A wedding is being planned, though no date has been set.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Saginaw Arts and Science Academy 7th grader Taylor Thompson will be traveling to Australia this summer after being selected to take part in the People To People Student Ambassador Program.

Started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the program seeks to bring about world peace, while also getting children involved in learning about

different cultures.

There will be about 40 children from the Saginaw area taking part in the three-week trip to Australia which departs July 3, 2004. The students will meet with various government officials, take part in educational activities and stay with a host family while there. A well rounded taste of Australia will start at the Great Barrier Reef in the northeastern part of the country and cover most of the eastern coast, traveling south to Sidney.

Acceptance into the program included an interview, teacher

and family references. The students are required to keep a journal which can then be used for high school and college credits. Parents and students are undergoing monthly meetings to ensure a successful trip.

Taylor also traveled to France for 14 days with several classmates two years ago.

She is the granddaughter of Sandy and Jeanne Thompson of Grayling and Bob and Dorothy Gleffe (summer residents at Lake Margrethe).

For more information on the program visit [www.studentambassadors.org](http://www.studentambassadors.org).



**Taylor Thompson**

## HONORS

### Ferris State University

More than 2,650 students received Academic Honors for the Fall 2003 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. The Fall 2003 semester ended in

December.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or

higher during the given semester, while part-time students must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester grade point average and a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Among the students honored were:

Frederic - Bethanie Kathleen Black, Kimberli N. Mitchell, Kelly L. Wilson.

Grayling - Christian A. Bass, Madelyn K. Haskel, Nicholas A. Makowski, Chet A. Wheeler.

Roscommon - Casey Jo Coker, Jessica Ann Griffis, Mindy Lou Jock, Dawn Lence Reed, Stacy E. Tadlock.

### Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University, in Allendale and Grand Rapids, announces the names of students who were placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2003 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Students from our area honored for the fall semester include:

Grayling - Amanda N. Fortino and Kimberly T. Ruley.

Roscommon - Adam J. Bradley.

### Lawrence Technological University

Lawrence Technological University in Southfield announced the following students from Grayling have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2003 semester: Matthew Cragg, Gretchen Goeckerman and Halie Phipps.

To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

### Northern Michigan University

Colin G. Hunter, of Grayling, received a Bachelor of Science degree in English in December 2003 from Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

**NEED BUSINESS CARDS?**

Come see us at  
**The Crawford County Avalanche**  
102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling  
(989) 348-6811  
**Crawford County Avalanche**  
Crawford County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

John Doe 123 Any Street Anytown, USA  
John Doe 123 Any Street Anytown, USA  
John Doe 123 Any Street Anytown, USA  
Your Business 123 Any Street Anytown, USA  
Your Business 123 Any Street Anytown, USA  
Your Business 123 Any Street Anytown, USA

**RIVERLAND**

122 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-344-0047  
(the store that's thinking of you)

**GETTING READY FOR SPRING BREAK?**  
**NOW CLOTHING ARRIVING DAILY**

\* Helly Hansen \* shorts/capris  
\* McTaggart Up North Clothing \* Beautiful Marlison Jackets  
\* Spring Born Shoes \* Misty Harbor Rain Jackets  
\* and more and more...

Open 9 to 6 - Monday - Friday  
9 to 5 on Saturday  
Closed Sunday  
clothing - gifts  
soaps and lotions

**Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage**

**MNI & MPA**  
Michigan Press Association  
Michigan Newspapers, Inc.  
827 N. Washington Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906-5199  
Phone: 517.372.2424  
Fax: 517.372.2429  
[www.michiganpress.org](http://www.michiganpress.org)  
wendy@michiganpress.org

Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 3.5 million readers for just \$949! Place a 25 word classified and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299! Contact this Newspaper or Wendy and Christine at Michigan Newspapers Inc.

**WE JUST MOVED**  
**MILLTOWN FEED & LAWN PET SHOP**  
**TO A "NEW" LOCATION**  
**JUST ONE DOOR DOWN**  
**PET/FISH/FEED**  
**MOBILE SALES**

6736 West M-72  
Just 2 Miles West of Grayling/348-4021







JV basketball 5B

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 26, 2004

► *Team Districts: Grayling defeats Cheboygan & Kalkaska to win it all*

► *Individual Districts: Nine GHS wrestlers qualify for Regionals*

## Vikings win District title

**Wrestling team fares well at team, individual District events**

The Grayling High School wrestling squad won a District team championship and quali-

fied nine wrestlers for Individual Regionals in separate District events last week.

On Thursday, Grayling wrestled in Team Districts at Cheboygan High School. The Vikings drew the Chiefs of Cheboygan to start, and defeated them 44-32. In the District

championship match, the Vikings defeated the Blazers of Kalkaska 52-18 and qualified for Team Regionals.

Winners for Grayling at Team Districts included: Jeff Harwood (103), Josh Partello (112), Cody Verlinde (119) Corey Metzger (125), Jeff

Bancroft (130), Adam Malone (135), Doug Webb (140), Joel Wilson (145), Dusty Partello (152), Mike Gassman (160), Darryl Babbitt (171), Brandon Pratt (189), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Don Starks (215).

Continued on Page 4B

See "VIKINGS WIN..."



Photo courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

Grayling High School's wrestling team celebrates its team District championship. The Vikings defeated Cheboygan 44-32 and Kalkaska 52-18 to win the District title. The victory qualifies the team to compete in Regionals.

## Grayling wins Burger King ski meet

**Viking boys and girls place 1st at invitational meet at Hanson Hills**

Several Grayling, Clare, and Roscommon skiers ended the regular season of competition by sharing burgers and medals from the local Burger King restaurant at last Friday's Burger King Invitational. The meet, the only one hosted by Grayling during the 2004 season, was held at Hanson Hills.

"Our ski teams like ending the year at Hanson with the Burger King meet as the competition is good and friendly, the food is good, and we relax and have a very good time," Coach Mike Wieland said.

This year's meet was won by Grayling in both the boys and girls competitions. Team scores were: (girls) Grayling 39, Clare 61, Roscommon 64; (boys) Grayling 31, Roscommon 59, Clare 66.

Continued on Page 2B

See "GRAYLING WINS..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Katie Baynham skis the slalom course at last Friday's Burger King Invitational meet at Hanson Hills.

## GHS defeats Boyne, Pinny

**Varsity team grinds out two wins at GHS in games last week**

The GHS varsity boys basketball team won both of its games last week, winning a non-conference battle vs. Pinconning 68-50 on Tuesday and defeating Boyne City 55-47 in a league contest on Friday. Both games were played at Grayling High School.

Against Pinconning, Grayling led 10-4 after one quarter and had a 26-16 advantage at half-time after a low-scoring first half. Grayling took a 44-33 lead into the fourth period, and finished with an 18-point win, 68-50.

"Our kids did a great job on the offensive and defensive glass. We out-boarded Pinconning 47-21 on the glass. We challenged our kids to show more toughness and I thought we responded well. Our kids did a nice job of defending also," Coach Rich Moffit said.

On Friday, Grayling started strong with a 25-10 first quarter, but cooled off after that. The Vikings scored just six points (to Boyne City's 15) in the second period, but still led by six, 31-25, going into the locker room at halftime. The Vikings led by 10, 47-37, after three quarters of play.

Grayling went almost four minutes without a basket to start the fourth quarter. Boyne City

Continued on Page 3B  
See "GHS DEFEATS..."

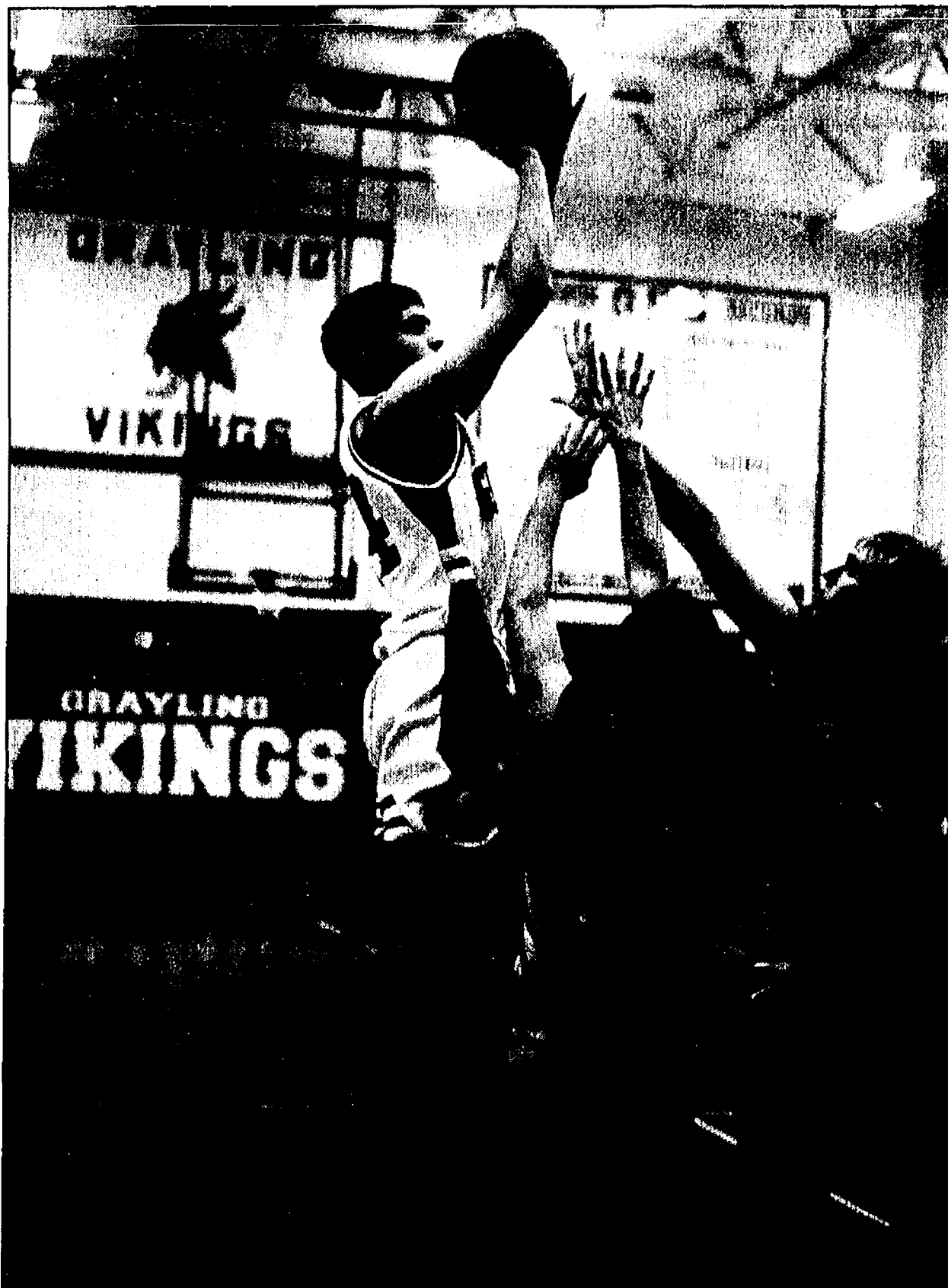


Photo by Caleb Casey

Grayling center Joe Lange goes up for a shot against Boyne City on Friday night at GHS.

## JV team beats Boyne City 72-49



Photo by Caleb Casey

Zac Baker shoots for Grayling's JV boys basketball team in the squad's 72-49 victory over Boyne City on Friday night. For more, see Page 5B.



**The Ole Barn**  
 348 8999  
 A Variety of Southwestern & Stableman's

**Daily Specials**  
 Tues. - Tacos  
 Wed. - Burger & Draft  
 Thurs. - BBQ Ribs  
 Fri. - Fish Fry  
 Sat. - Prime Rib

**Entertainment**  
 Thurs. - Karaoke & DJ  
 Open pool and \$1 Drafts  
 Fri. & Sat. - Always A Band  
 February 27th - 28th "Big Time"  
 March 5th & 6th - "Bad Monkey"

Take Out Available - Booking Parties & Events

**CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**WEEKDAY SCHEDULED SERVICES TO:**

**FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST**

Leaves Grayling	5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

**LOVELLS**

Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

**M-72 EAST**

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

**M-72 WEST**

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

Demand Response Service  
 Calls Worked In Between Other Runs

**BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON**

Leaves Grayling	7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:00 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	4:30 p.m.

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services  
 Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

**RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS**

Transportation dependent individuals requiring transportation for the purpose of accessing specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting:

Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

**SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS\*\*:**

**Scheduled For March 2004**

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
 Destination: Victoria's Casino-Petoskey  
 Departs Grayling 9:00 a.m.  
 Arrives back in Grayling 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

**\*\*Special Event Trips Require:** (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning  
 Special Event Trips  
 Call Richard or Gary @ 348-5409

## Four Vikings fill six all-league berths

### Grayling places 3rd and 5th in Lake Michigan Conference

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams finished their 2004 league seasons last week with the Lake Michigan Conference Championship Meet. Grayling finished 3rd (boys) and 5th (girls) in the league and ended the year with four skiers earning all-conference recognition.

All-league spots were determined by combining the results of last Tuesday's championship meet with season long statistics. Four Vikings earned all-league honorable mentions: Katie Baynham, Trevor Clough, Pat McNally, and Heather Vandecar. Clough and Vandecar earned honorable mentions in both slalom and giant slalom (GS). Baynham earned a GS berth and McNally earned a spot on the slalom team.

Tuesday's league championship meet was won by Harbor Springs in both the boys and girls competitions.

Harbor's boys were followed by Boyne City, Grayling, Charlevoix/East Jordan, Traverse City St. Francis, and Elk Rapids. Top skier for Grayling was

Trevor Clough, who placed 6th in both races for 12 team points. Jim Jansen placed 11th and 12th, McNally took 10th in slalom and 18th in GS, Jon Handy was 17th in both races, Adam Gilbert finished 30th in slalom and 19th in GS, and Andrew Hart placed 25th and 26th.

In the girls competition, 1st place Harbor Springs was followed by TC St. Francis, Boyne City, Charlevoix/East Jordan, Grayling, and Elk Rapids. The Vikings posted their best slalom finish in the league, placing 4th (one point behind Boyne) in last Tuesday's championship meet.

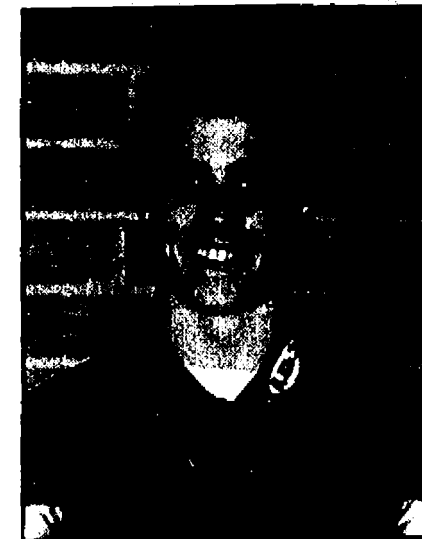
Top skier for GHS was Vandecar, who placed 9th in 10th in GS.

"This was a good time for Heather to put four good runs down the hill. The league meet counted as double results. Heather is our only senior and it was good to have her earn all-league spots in this very tough girls competition," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Mallory Olson finished 14th and 16th, Kassie McClain continued to improve in league standings by placing 20th and 21st, Erica Moggo, a first year slalom racer who improved in almost every meet this season, placed 21st in slalom and 24th in GS, and Baynham was disqualified in both races. Baynham still landed a berth on the all-league GS team for her previous finish-



**Katie Baynham**  
 All-Conference  
 Honorable Mention



**Trevor Clough**  
 All-Conference  
 Honorable Mention



**Heather Vandecar**  
 All-Conference  
 Honorable Mention



**Pat McNally**  
 All-Conference  
 Honorable Mention

es. She had the team's best total place results going into Tuesday's meet.

## Grayling wins Burger King ski meet



**Heather Vandecar finishes the slalom course at last Friday's Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills.**

Continued from Page 1B

The top combined racers overall were Mandy Scott of Roscommon for the girls and Trevor Clough of Grayling for

the boys.

For GHS, the top girls were Mallory Olson and Heather Vandecar. Both skiers finished with six team points. Olson was 3rd in both races and Vandecar took 1st in giant slalom (GS) and 5th in slalom. Katie Baynham took 4th in slalom and 11th in GS, Erica Moggo finished 8th in slalom and 7th in GS, and Kassie McClain was 9th in slalom and 8th in GS.

In the boys competition, Clough placed 1st in slalom and 5th in GS to lead Grayling. Jim Jansen placed 5th in slalom and 3rd in GS, Jon Handy took 7th in slalom and 2nd in GS, Pat McNally finished 3rd in slalom and 6th in GS, Adam Gilbert placed 8th in slalom and 10th in GS, and Andrew Hart placed 12th in both races.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Mallory Olson competes in the slalom event at Friday's meet in Grayling.**



**Trevor Clough races in the giant slalom course at Hanson Hills last Friday.**

**Unlimited**  
**snap**  
 Unlimited Possibilities

Unlimited Local Calling  
**Family Plans**

Starting As Low As  
**\$19.99\***

Add additional  
 phones to any rate  
 plan of \$24.95  
 or higher.



Kyocera 2135 Nokia 3585i Kyocera 414  
**Free Free Free**

**Stay in touch with the family!**

**CELLULARONE**  
 Proud to be the next best way to say hello.™

**800-968-3199 for a location near you.**

\*Two-year service agreement. Unlimited local calling in 14-county area. Some restrictions apply. See your sales representative for details. While supplies last. Phone offer subject to change.

**TOM'S**  
**POLE BUILDINGS**  
**1-800-541-3974**

FEATURING  
**ULTRA 2000**  
 15 colors to  
 choose from

**POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES**

**YOUR CHOICE OF ROOFING & SIDING**

Top of the line quality  
 Many Sizes &  
 Options Available

**FROM BEGINNING  
 PERMITS TO CLEAN-UP  
 WE DO IT ALL**



4050 Industrial Dr • Harrison  
 www.tomspolebuildings.com

Call For a  
**Pre-Estimate Today!**

**Paul Olson**  
 Municipal Underwriters  
 of Michigan

**Vikings of the Week**



Katie Baynham Trevor Clough



Pat McNally Heather Vandecar

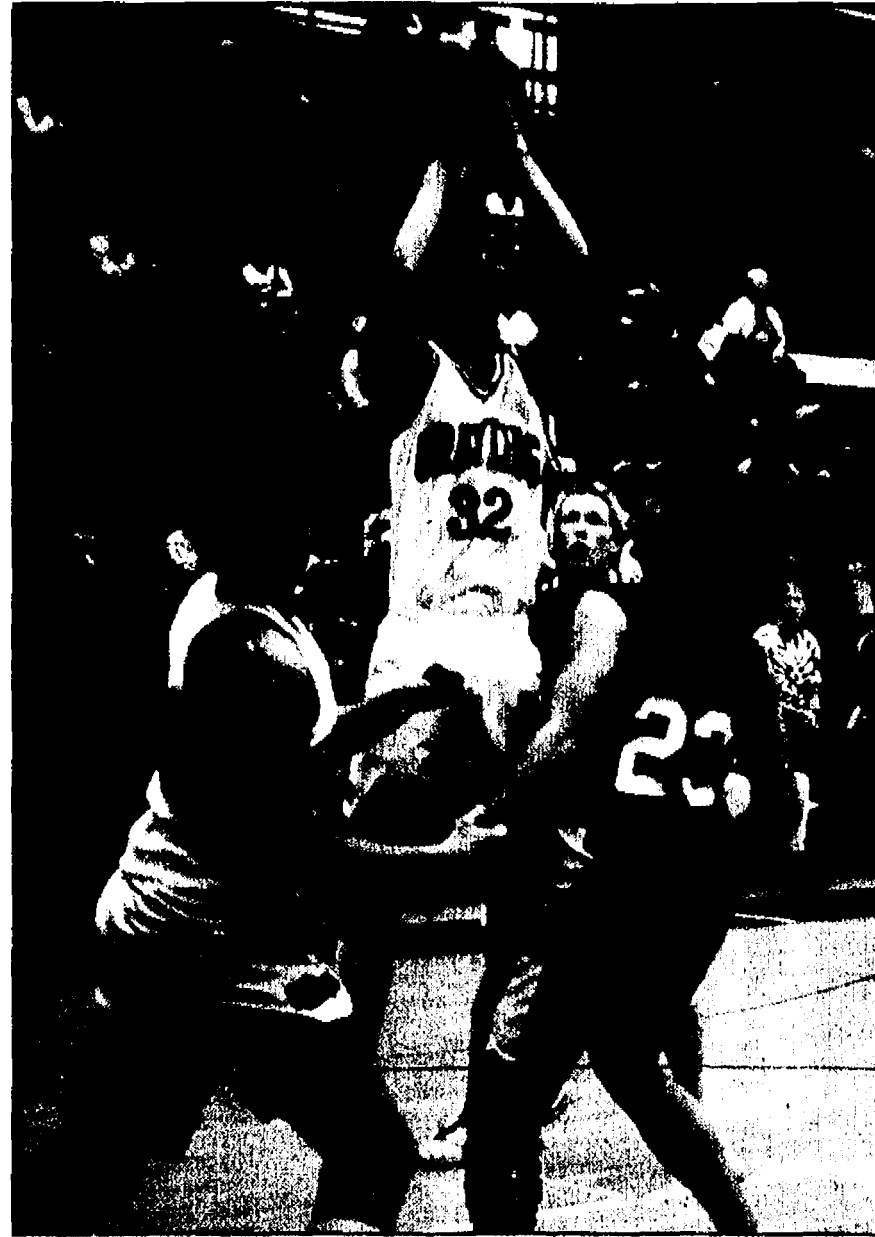
**Skiing**  
 Coach: Mike Wieland  
**FOUR ALL-LEAGUE  
 HONOREES**

Four Vikings were named to the all-league team as honorable mentions: Katie Baynham, GS; Trevor Clough, slalom and GS; Pat McNally, slalom; Heather Vandecar, slalom and GS.





Andy Strohpaul goes up for a lay-up for Grayling in Friday night's game against Boyne City.



Joe Zelek takes a jump shot for the Vikings in Tuesday's game vs. Pinconning.

## GHS defeats Boyne, Pinny

Continued from Page 1B

scored six points during that stretch on 4 of 9 at the free throw line and a lay-up. Grayling led 47-43.

A jumper by Roy Czapek at the 4:07 mark put Grayling back up by six. Three free throws on two trips to the line pulled Boyne City within three with 3:08 left in

regulation.

At the 2:40 mark, a Boyne City player was whistled for a technical foul. Joe Lange hit both free throws to put GHS up by five. Grayling also got possession of the ball. Boyne City fouled, and Grayling missed the free throw on the one and one chance. Boyne City hit one of two at the

free throw line to cut Grayling's lead to four.

The Ramblers fouled and GHS missed both free throws. After a time-out, Boyne City shot and missed, and Josh Hinkle came down with the rebound for Grayling. The Ramblers fouled and were called for a flagrant foul on the play, giving GHS two free throws and possession of the ball. Hinkle hit one of two at the line. Grayling got the ball in and Boyne City fouled. Lange hit both free throws, putting GHS up 54-47 with 51 seconds remaining.

Boyne City tried for three, missed, and Czapek rebounded. The Ramblers fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws. Boyne City went for three again, missed, and Lange came down with the ball. The Ramblers fouled. Lange hit one of two free throw attempts. Grayling led 55-47 with 17 seconds left in the game.

Boyne City got one more shot attempt off, Grayling rebounded the miss, and that was it. The Vikings won 55-47.

"We got out of the gates early, but struggled offensively for three quarters. Our offensive spacing was too tight and we struggled to put the ball in the basket. Defensively, we did a nice job on the boards and defended well," Coach Moffit

said.

On Friday, February 27, the Vikings will host East Jordan. Grayling will end its regular season with a home game vs. Elk Rapids on Tuesday, March 2.

Grayling will open its post-season schedule with a round one District match-up vs. Roscommon on Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. The game will be held at Grayling High School. For more on Districts, see next week's *Avalanche*.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Derek Johnston handles the ball for GHS in last week's game against the Pinconning Spartans.

## 9th grade team edges Ogemaw 46-40

The GHS freshman boys basketball team defeated the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday 46-40 at Grayling High School.

The victory was the team's first of the 2003-04 season.

"The boys played their best basketball of the season on Wednesday night," Coach Joe Mau said. "We were able to notch our first win of the season against a tough Ogemaw squad. Our guards did a great job of protecting the basketball and feeding the big guys inside. Our big guys did a super job on the boards and finished really well. We still have some more work to do, but overall, our team effort and passion tonight was the key. The boys now have something to build on... and I know we will get another win soon."

Statistics for Grayling included: Nick Parkinson - 13 pts, 10 rebounds; Steve Meharg - 9 pts, 5 rebounds; Terry Fraley - 6 pts, 5 rebounds; Doug Slater - 5 pts, 7 steals, 3 rebounds.

The Vikings will host East Jordan at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, February 27.

**Gerta's Draperies**  
*"Everything in Window Treatments"*  
 • Free Estimates  
 • In-Home Appointments  
*Excellent Customer Service Since 1958*  
**989-732-3340**  
 2281 OLD 27 SOUTH, GAYLORD

## Hurt on the job?

Get proven solutions from physical therapists who care about you.

A work injury changes everything. It's painful and it keeps you from the things you want and need to do. But it's also stressful — because if you're like most of us, you've got bills to pay, a family to support and you need to get back to work. Here's one thing you won't have to worry about: your rehabilitation. You've got the skilled physical therapists of Dynamic Physical Therapy on your side. Our work rehab program is part of the most complete back-to-work services in the area:

- Proven techniques to relieve your worst pain • Work simulation
- Carpal tunnel treatment • Body mechanics, posture & prevention
- Cardiovascular conditioning • Functional endurance training
- Ergonomic Analysis • Home exercise programs

All delivered by skilled professionals who really care about your recovery.

### We make rehab easier on you:

- Workers' Compensation & insurance welcome — our friendly, professional staff handles the paperwork for you!
- Convenient on-time appointments that fit your schedule!



3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU  
**Manistee • 231-723-5479**  
**Cadillac • 231-876-0010**  
**Grayling • 989-348-3027**

www.DynamicPTMichigan.com

CPH 2003 ©

## BANKRUPTCY? IRS PROBLEMS?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you thinking about giving your Tax refund to creditors?</li> <li>• Are you paying on credit cards and getting nowhere?</li> <li>• Do you have too many bills to meet your house payment?</li> <li>• Would you like to stop wage garnishments and lawsuits?</li> <li>• Does your business have so many bills you can't make a profit? Calls from creditors?</li> <li>• Do you have IRS Tax Liens or</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>overwhelming IRS Payment plans?</li> <li>• Are you paying debt counselors and getting nowhere?</li> <li>• Are you thinking about refinancing your home to pay off credit cards, IRS or other debts?</li> <li>• Would you like to keep your property and get rid of your bills?</li> <li>• Are you overwhelmed by medical bills?</li> <li>• Are you sick and tired of harassing calls from creditors?</li> <li>• Are you selling your property to pay bills?</li> </ul> |
|--|---|

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, you may want to consider filing a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 Bankruptcy. Northeast Michigan's most experienced Bankruptcy office is now also specializing in getting rid of IRS Tax Liens, IRS Payment Plans and many other IRS problems. The Law Office of Carl C. Silver also offers a full range of general legal services including Social Security Disability Claims. For more information go to [www.carlsilverlaw.com](http://www.carlsilverlaw.com)

Call 1-800-233-3547 for FREE Telephone Consultation

**CARL C. SILVER**

230 S. 3rd Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707 • Attorneys Practicing Since 1976

Mercy Smile

*Friendly*

*Encouraging*

*Compassionate*

*This is the Mercy Smile.*

**MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING**  
 Partnering with **MUNSON HEALTHCARE**  
*Knowledge to Heal, Compassion to Care*

(989) 348-5461 • MERCYGRAYLING.MUNSONHEALTHCARE.ORG





Andy Strohpaul  
Grayling High School

Jamie Zelek  
Grayling High School

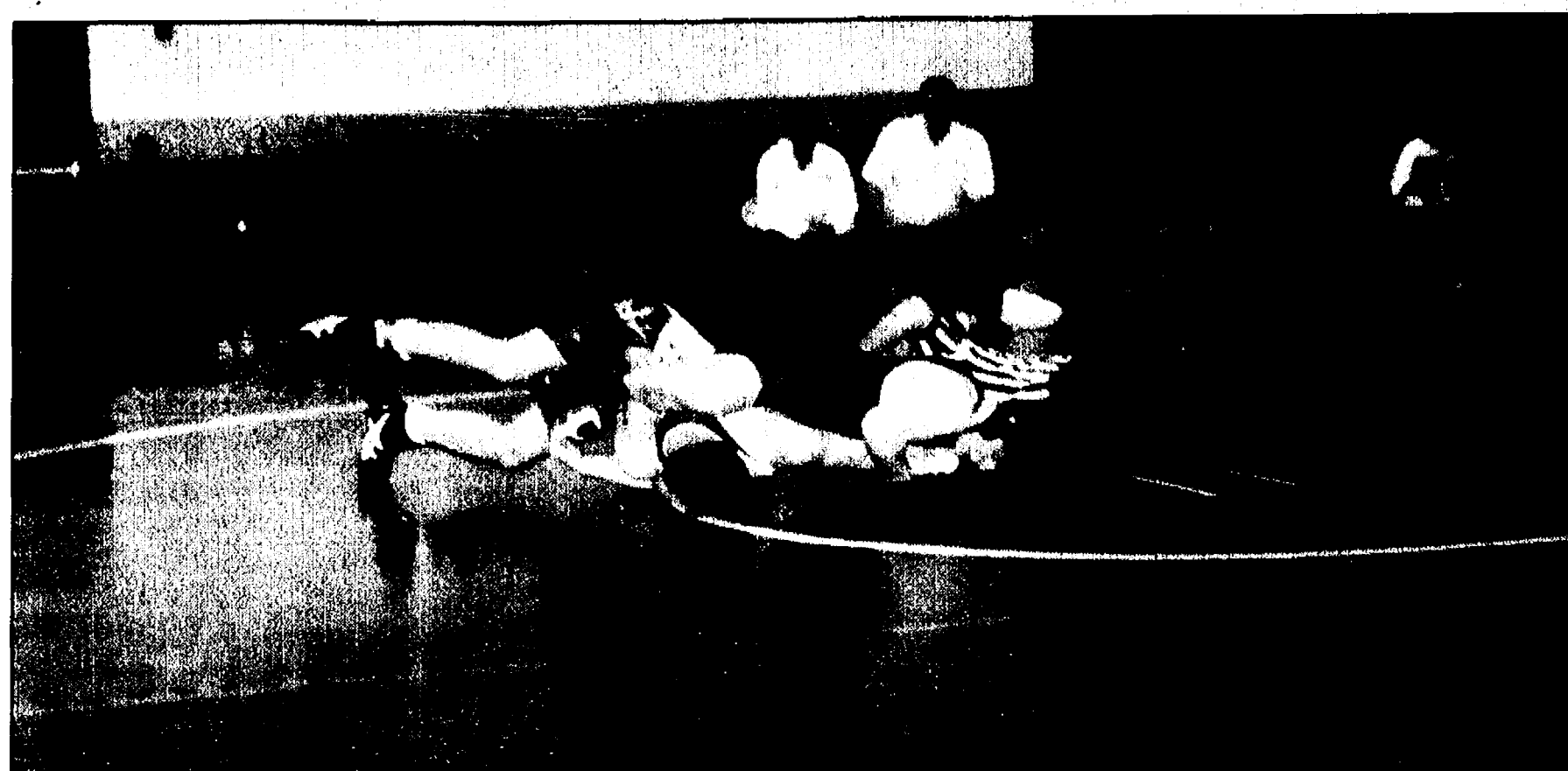
# excel.

academics. athletics. community service.

**Congratulations to Andy Strohpaul and Jamie Zelek who persistently excel in athletics, academics and community service. Grayling High School is proud to nominate them for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.**



©1998 Wendy's International, Inc. All rights reserved.



Aaron Rosecrans (215) wrestles a Clare opponent at Individual Districts last week.

## Vikings win District title

Continued from Page 1B

"Each team member knew when we arrived at Cheboygan they had a job to do. They wrestled as a team, did the job, and they came home the champions," Coach Don Ferguson said. "Great team effort."

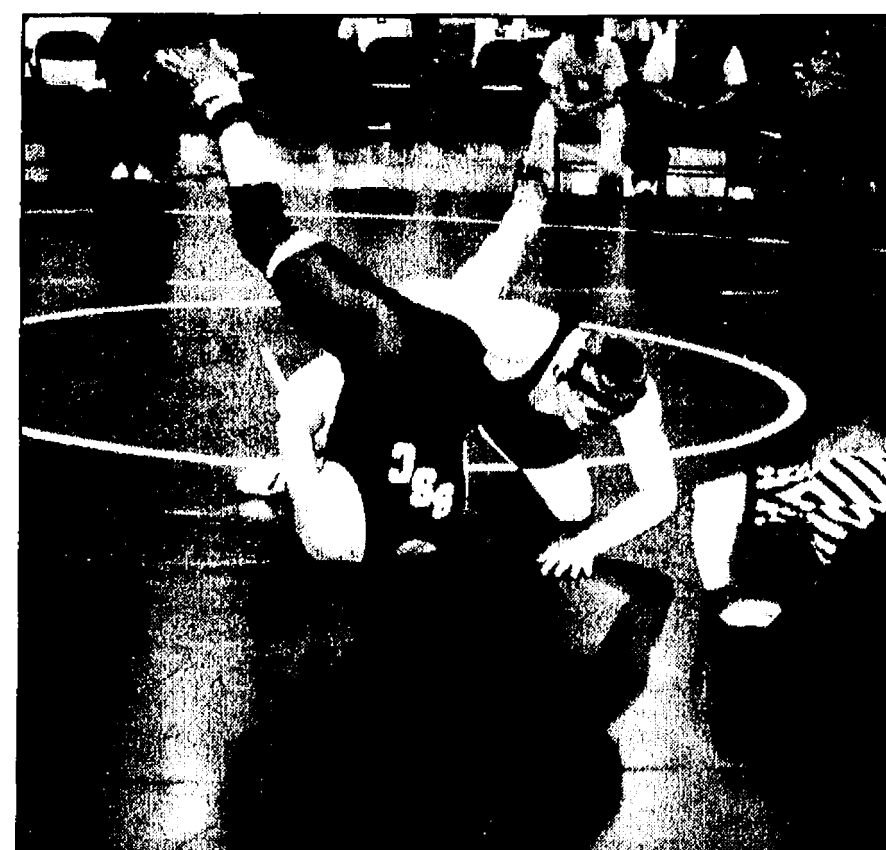
The Vikings will compete in Team Regionals on Wednesday, February 25, at Oscoda.

On Saturday, Grayling competed in Individual Districts at Standish Sterling Central. Nine GHS wrestlers placed high enough to earn a spot at Individual Regionals, which will be held at Benzie Central on Saturday, February 28.

Dusty Partello (152) and Pratt (189) both finished as District champions. Josh Partello (112), Wilson (145), and Rosecrans (215) placed 2nd, Malone (135) took 3rd, and Metzger (125), Babbitt (160), and Starks (heavy-weight) finished 4th.

Nine is the second highest number of Regional qualifiers Grayling has ever had.

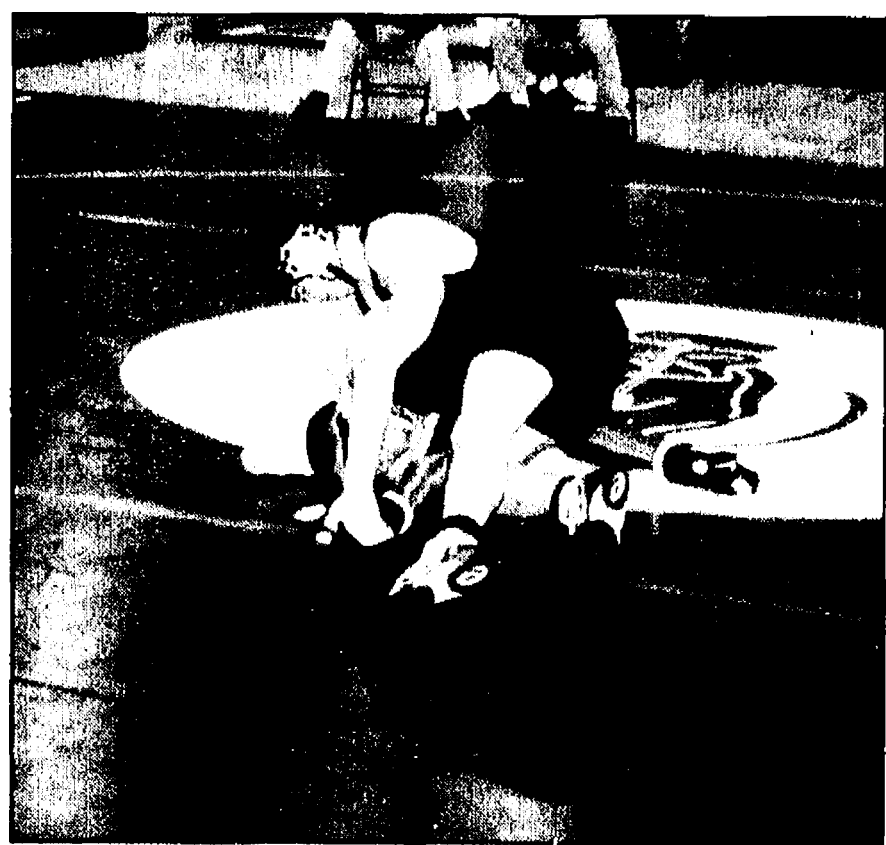
"This was a fantastic week for us," Coach Ferguson said. "The wrestlers know that all the hard work and long practices has paid off for them. This week, we are preparing to enter the next level of competition."



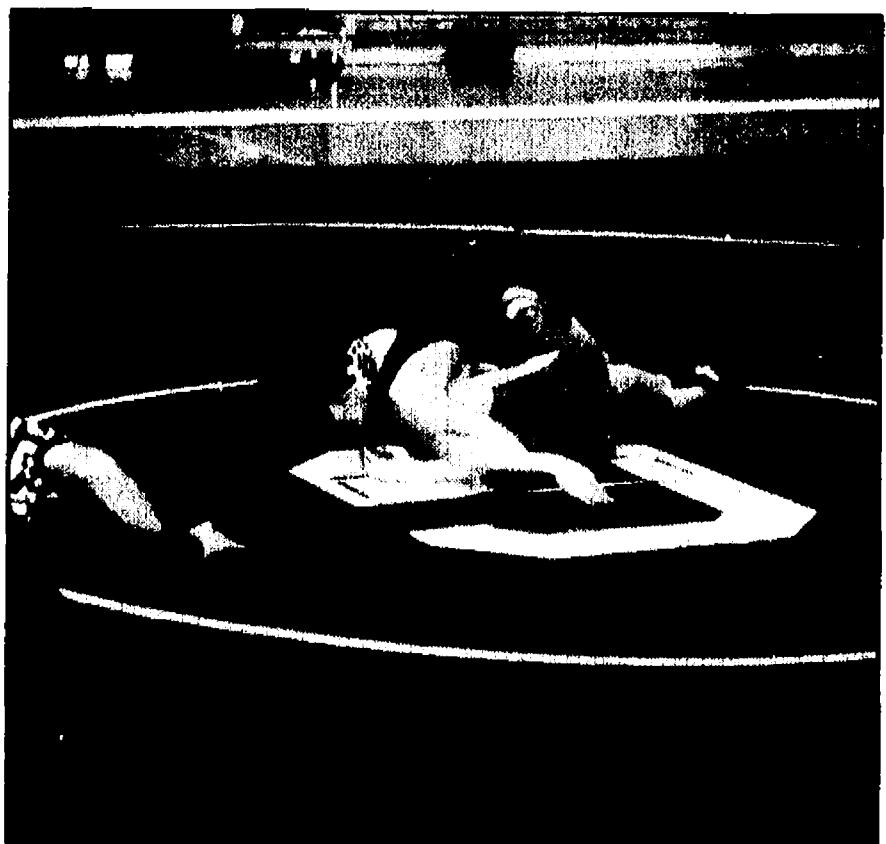
Brandon Pratt (189) upends a Standish Sterling Central wrestler at Individual Districts.



Adam Malone (135) grapples with a Beaverton wrestler on Saturday.



Darryl Babbitt (160) wrestles against Beaverton.



Jeff Harwood (163) goes for a pin vs. a Mlo opponent.

## You'll see our smiling faces in your beautiful community

### Why?

Because PhoneGuide® Salespeople are now calling on area businesses for advertisements in the only PhoneGuide® for the Houghton Lake, Gaylord and Grayling area.



Pictured standing in back from left: Terry Cook, Patrick Schaller, Pete Conkle, Kendall Hayes; seated in front from left: Phyllis Johnson and Janet Southwell.



Let us help you reach thousands of potential customers who are loyal to the PhoneGuide® yellow pages. Your message in PhoneGuide® is delivered to over 75,000 homes and businesses in the Gaylord, Grayling and Houghton Lake areas.

# PhoneGuide®

COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



**RDI**  
© 2004 Review  
Directories Inc.  
Petoskey, Michigan

A Service of the Gaylord Herald Times • P.O. Box 598 • Gaylord, MI 49734-0598 • 1-888-860-8606



## JV team beats Boyne City 72-49

**Vikings win, GHS honors Butch Hayes for 31 years of coaching**

On "Butch Hayes Night" — a game day that included a ceremony honoring Grayling High School's junior varsity basketball coach, who is retiring at the end of the year after 31 years of coaching — the GHS JV boys basketball team defeated the visiting Ramblers of Boyne City 72-49.

Grayling led 21-13 after one quarter and had a 42-27 advantage at halftime. GHS took a 56-42 lead into the fourth quarter, and finished strong with a 16-7 final eight minutes of play.

For Grayling, sophomore guard Eli VanNuck hit three three-point buzzer beaters in the contest. VanNuck hit triples as time expired in the first, second, and third quarters.

After the game, varsity coach Rich Moffit and athletic director Brian Banda spoke during a ceremony honoring Coach Hayes.

"This may be an understatement to those who have played for him: (Hayes) coaches with passion, he coaches with heart, and he coaches with determination," Moffit said.

Hayes, a 1969 graduate of GHS, coached at Grayling for 31 years (1973 to 2004).

On Tuesday, in a game that was closer than the final score would indicate, Grayling lost to the visiting Spartans of Pinconning 76-63.

Pinconning led by three at halftime. The Spartans took an 11-point advantage into the fourth quarter with a 25-17 third period, but Grayling fought back and pulled within three at the 3:30 mark.

Pinconning pulled away down the stretch to win the game by 13, 76-63.

"We needed to play 'D' — we



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Eli VanNuck drives to the basket for Grayling in Friday's game vs. Boyne City.**

gave them too many open opportunities. We scored well but we need to stop them," Coach Butch Hayes said.

Four Vikings reached double digits in scoring in the Pinconning game: Matt Swope (13), Reagan Schmidt (12), VanNuck (10), and Zac Baker (10). Ron Johnston, Ryan Feldhauser, Mike Boylan, Jim Boylan, and Russ Peters also scored points for GHS.

On Friday, February 13, the Vikings lost an overtime match at Traverse City St. Francis 61-59.

The Gladiators had a 30-27

halftime lead. Grayling outscored TCSF 27-24 in the second half to force overtime.

"It was a good game. We played pretty well," Coach Hayes said. "We need to find a way to finish."

VanNuck was the leading scorer for Grayling with 23 points. Zach Dean added 17. Baker, Schmidt, Johnston, Mike Boylan, Jim Boylan, and Zeke Hayes also scored for Grayling.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Friday, February 27. The JV team will play its 2003-04 season finale on Tuesday, March 2, at GHS.



FEBRUARY IS...

## Children's Dental Health Month



### Children's Teeth Need Protection During Sports

Imagine a girl's softball game played by energetic kids. Suddenly the batter hits a line drive straight at the pitcher. The pitcher falls to her knees clutching her mouth.

"A mouth guard can protect teeth from a blow from a softball, soccer ball or any other type of sporting equipment," says Robert Dennison, DMD, Chairperson, Dental Policy, Delta Dental Plans Association. "Athletes' teeth are 60 times more susceptible to damage without a mouth guard." Mouth guards are one of the most effective pieces of protective equipment in contact sports.

"Damage to teeth at an early age can have permanent effects and be costly," says Dennison. Treating and correcting the effects of a lost tooth over a lifetime can cost up to \$20,000.

If one of your child's teeth should get knocked out, handle the tooth by its top, not the root. Do not clean or handle the tooth unnecessarily. Insert the tooth into the socket if possible and have the child hold the tooth in place by biting on a clean gauze or cloth. If the tooth cannot be reinserted place it in milk or water. See the dentist immediately. As with most physical injuries, time is critical.

Mouth guards should be worn during the following sports: acrobatics, basketballs, boxing, field hockey, football, gymnastics, handball, ice hockey, lacrosse, skateboarding, skiing, skydiving, soccer, squash, surfing, volleyball, water polo, weight lifting and wrestling.

### The Following sponsors have brought you these tips:

**NORTHERN FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
Karrie Royce D.D.S.

100 Sherwood Drive

Roscommon

(989) 275-1919

New Patients Welcome!

**BARRY FENN, D.D.S.**

Fred Bear Drive

M-72 West, Grayling

(989) 348-8706

**ARTHUR KERLE, D.D.S.**

5653 Walker Drive

Grayling

(989) 348-2626

**AuSable Family Dental, P.C.**

Ralph Oppermann D.D.S.

234 Michigan Ave

(across from the post office)

Grayling

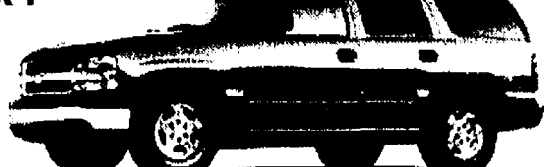
(989) 344-2525

# NOBODY BEATS NESTER'S AND NOBODY BEATS GM's EMPLOYEE PRICING!

**That's Right For A VERY Limited Time EVERYONE Can Buy A Chevrolet or Oldsmobile At General Motors Employee PRICING!**

## CHECK OUT THESE EXAMPLES OF THE HUGE DISCOUNTS!

**Tahoe LS, Loaded** MSRP \$42,900  
4x4



\$36,325.55

-3,000.00 Rebate

\$33,325.55

**SAVE OVER \$9500**

**Impala LS, Leather, Sunroof**  
MSRP \$28,310



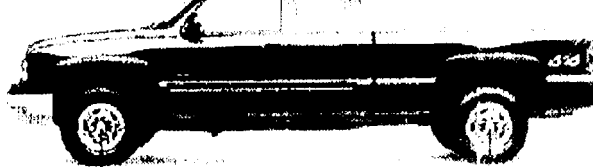
\$25,126.63

-3,000.00 Rebate

\$22,126.63

**OR LEASE FOR \$272.00\***

**2500 HD Ext LS 4x4 Loaded** MSRP \$35,370



\$29,997.28

-2,500.00 Rebate

\$27,497.28

**SAVE OVER \$7800**

**Trailblazer LT 4x4, Leather, Loaded**  
MSRP \$39,300



\$34,258.10

-3,000.00 Rebate

\$31,258.10

**OR LEASE FOR \$385.00\***

**1500 Ext. Cab Z71 4x4 LS**  
MSRP \$34,640



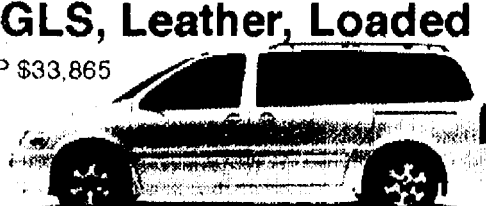
\$29,440.23

-2,500.00 Rebate

\$26,940.23

**OR LEASE FOR \$339.00\***

**2004 Oldsmobile Silhouette GLS, Leather, Loaded**  
MSRP \$33,865



\$29,686.08

-4,000.00 Rebate

\$25,686.08

**SAVE OVER \$8100**

**Avalanche 4x4 Z71, Loaded**  
MSRP \$42,760



\$36,183.63

-3,500.00 Rebate

\$32,683.63

**SAVE OVER \$10,000**

**Colorado Crew 4x4**  
MSRP \$28,500



\$25,022.55

-1,000.00 Rebate

\$24,022.55

**OR LEASE FOR \$304.00\***

**These Are Just A Few Examples Of Our Huge Inventory, And They Are All Available To Everyone At Gm Employee PRICING!**

**Couple these discounts with rebates as high as \$4000 and you will never be able to buy a new car or truck at these unbelievable prices again!**

**HURRY IN NOW! OR CALL TODAY WHILE THE INVENTORY IS AT ITS BEST!**

\*With approved credit, leases figured at 48 month/12,000 miles. Taxes not included.

Call **800-550-5534** for details!

Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.;  
Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

E-mail: sales1@nesterchevy.com  
or service1@nesterchevy.com  
Website: www.nesterchevy.com

# DON NESTER

CHEVROLET Oldsmobile.

• ROSCOMMON •

424 E. Federal Highway,  
Conveniently located off Exit 239  
or 244, I-75 Bus. Loop

(989) 275-5105  
1-800-550-5534

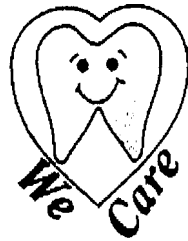


## Grayling Family Dentistry

**C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S.**  
**1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling**  
**348-4300**

**Complete Family Dentistry**

Payment plan available for those who qualify



**NEW PATIENTS WELCOME**

**EMERGENCY CARE**

"We practice dentistry with a heart"

## Area little league to conduct clinics

The Roscommon St. Helen Little League will be hosting several baseball and softball skills clinics over the next few months, including one on February 27. The clinics will focus on basic skill development for players of all ages to safely play in leagues this coming spring and summer, league officials said.

Over 200 kids participated in the Roscommon St. Helen Little League Program last year and many are already getting ready for another season.

Eight girls softball skills clinics will be held at the CRAF Center in Roscommon in

February, March, and April, with the first one set for Friday, February 27, from 6-8 p.m.

In addition to the softball skills clinics at the CRAF Center, the league will be hosting an indoor girls softball camp on Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Roscommon High School Gym for any girl in the area that would like to learn more about softball and develop their skills.

Contact Sue Jock at 821-5946 for more information on this clinic.

Boys baseball clinics will be held at Roscommon High School on the following dates

and times:

April 17, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

April 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

There is a coach's clinic scheduled for Saturday, March 20, at 8:30-11:30 a.m. for all interested and returning coaches for the 2004 Roscommon St. Helen Little League Program. This is a required clinic for all little league softball/baseball coaches.

The clinic/camp program will end with the league's 4th Annual Spring Training Camp held on Friday, April 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the

Roscommon Metropolitan Park Softball/Baseball Complex. Tee shirts, prizes, food, and drink will all be provided, along with an instructional program for players of all ages.

This will also be the date for final registration for participation in the 2004 Roscommon St. Helen Little League Program. For more information, please call Sue Jock at 989-821-5946, Kevin Sudzinski at 989-275-6484, Derek Smits at 275-5399, or Chad Kelly at 348-3431.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation

Woody Girls . . . . . 24 - 8

Chicken Little . . . . . 20 - 12

Peterson Service . . . . . 17 - 15

Mickey Perez CPA . . . . . 16 - 16

Glen's Market . . . . . 14 - 18

Gale Enterprises . . . . . 14 - 18

Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . . 13 - 19

Coldwell Banker . . . . . 10 - 22

High Series: S. Johnson, 488; H. Larm, 481; P. Terry, 475.

High Game: S. Johnson, 209; P. Terry, 179; H. Larm, 178.

### Monday Night Pioneer

McDonald's . . . . . 29 - 7

Chemical Bank . . . . . 21.5 - 14.5

Grayling Chiro.Clinic 21.5 - 14.5

Grayling Restaurant . . . . . 19 - 17

Custom Interior . . . . . 17 - 19

Rochette's . . . . . 14 - 22

AJD Forest Product . . . . . 11 - 25

South Side River Rats . . . . . 11 - 25

High Series: L. Rutter, 521; L. Golnick, 513; M. Rock, 504.

High Game: T. Rock, 219; D. Calkins, 183; L. Rutter, 182.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Calkins Excavating . . . . . 25 - 15

Charles Country Corner . . . . . 20 - 20

Moshier Auto Repair . . . . . 20 - 20

American Legion . . . . . 20 - 20

Double Trouble . . . . . 18 - 22

4 F.I. . . . . 17 - 23

High Series, Men: C. Hanson, 564; D. Canfield, 545; D. Brannan, 541. High Game, Men:

D. Brannan, 222; C. Hanson, 213; D. Canfield, 198. High Series, Women: M. Starks, 560;

D. Medina, 491; M. Moshier, 486. High Game, Women: M. Starks, S. Johnson, 190; K. Moshier, 189; M. Moshier, D. Medina, 180.

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Little Tyke Daycare . . . . . 54 - 16

Fritch Electric . . . . . 37 - 33

Calkins Excavating . . . . . 35 - 35

Weyerhaeuser . . . . . 34 - 36

Denno . . . . . 32 - 38

Beckett Construction . . . . . 30 - 40

River Valley Grille . . . . . 29 - 41

Dairy Queen . . . . . 29 - 41

High Series, Men: S. Miller, 562; J. Hunt, 561; D. Wallace, 545.

High Game, Men: J. Hunt, 211; D. Wallace, 210; S. Miller, 205.

High Series, Women: T. Rock, 492; M. Cole, 453; S. France,

448. High Game, Women: C. Fritch, 193; T. Rock, 179; M. Cole, 172.

### National First

Sawmill . . . . . 35 - 14

Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 29 - 20

Northern White Tail . . . . . 28 - 21

AuSable Construction . . . . . 24 - 25

Denholm Chiropractic . . . . . 22 - 27

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 21 - 28

Legion Lanes . . . . . 19 - 30

Faustman's Insurance . . . . . 18 - 31

High Series: A. Angove, 613; T. Sowinski, 584; P. Miller, 582.

High Game: P. Miller, 255; A. Angove, 220; L. Davis, 208.

### American Men's League

Scheer Motors . . . . . 14 - 0

Sawmill Tavern . . . . . 12 - 2

Eagles Club . . . . . 7 - 7

McLeans ACE . . . . . 7 - 7

Moore's Automotive . . . . . 7 - 7

Fenton's Auto Service . . . . . 4 - 10

K-D's . . . . . 3 - 11

GADCO . . . . . 2 - 12

High Series: T. Kotrash, 714; D. Henning, 614; R. Risse, 589.

High Game: T. Kotrash, 268; D. Henning, 233; R. Risse, 221.

### Northwood League

Three Chicks . . . . . 29 - 19

Hals Masonry . . . . . 28 - 20

Bud Lite Chicks . . . . . 21 - 27

Choppers Spares . . . . . 20 - 28

Great Lakes Mortgage . . . . . 10 - 38

High Series: D. Harris, 433; M. Cole, T. Bernardo, 432. High Game: S. Smith, 176; K. Harris, 164; T. Bernardo, 159.

### Senior Bowling

Spike's Keg O'Nails . . . . . 64 - 32

Flowers By Josie . . . . . 55 - 41

Kicking Grass . . . . . 54.5 - 40.5

Gray Rock . . . . . 53 - 43

Grayling Pharmacy . . . . . 47 - 49

Sylvesters Sports . . . . . 41.5 - 54.5

Lone Pine Restaurant . . . . . 36 - 60

Bear's Den Pizza . . . . . 33 - 63

Mens High Game: G. Wolfe, 204; D. Canfield, 203; P. Faustmen, 201. Mens High Series: D. Canfield, 563; G. Wolfe, 535; P. Faustmen, 517.

Womens High Game: H. Spencer, 187; N. Glasslee, 166; J. Miller, 166. Womens High Series: N. Glasslee, 473; H. Spencer, 472; D. Hollis, 472.

"Lots of minutes to use whenever I want?"

Do we think alike or what?

## 1000 ANYTIME MINUTES

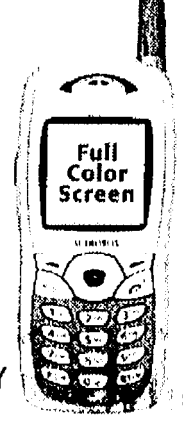
UNLIMITED NIGHT & WEEKEND MINUTES \$39.95/mo

UNLIMITED MOBILE-TO-MOBILE MINUTES

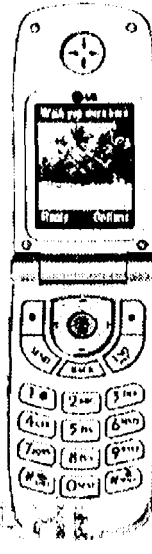
**ALLTEL**  
 You got that right.



Nokia 3585i



Audiovox 8410



LG 5450

**EXCESS**

Picture Messaging Sweepstakes

Tour our online demo for a chance to WIN

• Trip for 2

• Camera phone

• Other great prizes

Camera Phone \$99.95

ONLY 99.95

Free trial minutes apply within Local Freedom calling area. Phone promotions require 2-year service agreement. While supplies last. See store or www.alltel.com for details.

Promotional Rate Plan Offers Available to New and Existing Customers

Call 1-800-ALLTEL9 • Click www.alltel.com

Visit ALLTEL at one of these locations:

### ALLTEL Retail Stores

**Cadillac**  
 720 N. Mitchell St.  
 (231) 775-9590

**Gaylord**  
 1303 W. M32  
 (989) 705-7260

**Ludington**  
 5495 W. U.S. Hwy. 10  
 (231) 843-6052

**Traverse City**  
 Grand Traverse Mall  
 (in front of Wilson's  
 Leather)

3200 S. Airport Rd.  
 (231) 929-7109

2021 S. Airport Rd.  
 (231) 929-3800

### Shop At A Participating Wal-Mart

**Alpena**  
 (989) 354-0785

**Cheboygan**  
 (231) 627-5391

**Peloskey**  
 (231) 439-0177

### Authorized Agents

**Alpena**  
 Premium Sound  
 (989) 356-0588

**Charlevoix**  
 In-Com Cellular  
 (231) 547-4498

**East Jordan**  
 In-Com Cellular  
 (231) 536-0119

**Houghton Lake**  
 Phone Depot  
 (989) 366-0774

Equipment offers at these locations may vary

**Prudenville**  
 Communications  
 (989) 366-0588

**Manistee**  
 Holtell Wireless  
 (231) 398-9091

**Mosk**  
 Ace Communications  
 (231) 885-1000

**Mio**  
 Mio Rental & Repair  
 (989) 826-2299

**Scotenville**  
 Carr Communications  
 (231) 757-9495

**Standish**  
 Standish Furniture  
 (989) 846-0667

**Traverse City**  
 G3 Wireless  
 (231) 941-0404

**Basic Communications**  
 (866) 50-BASIC  
 (231) 943-4055

**Comtronics**  
 (Inside Meijers)  
 (231) 929-1843

**West Branch**  
 Marlet Telephone  
 Company  
 (989) 345-3650

**RadioShack**  
 Radio Shack City,  
 Cheboygan and Gaylord

**For Business Sales and Promotions**  
 Call 1-888-378-1869

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 96-5619-DE  
 Estate of Bernard James Bourrie,  
 deceased

Date of birth: 5/06/1925

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Bernard James Bourrie, who lived at 744 South Roberts Rd. Grayling Michigan, died October 6, 1996. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl L. Millikin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 11, 2004  
 Camarin L. Compton P64799  
 2373 S. I-75 Business Loop  
 P.O. Box Drawer 665  
 Grayling, MI, 49738

Cheryl L. Millikin  
 3220 W. North Down River Rd.  
 Grayling MI, 49738

-19-26-4

### Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine E. Timmony, an adult

woman, and Jason Fik, a single man, of 408 Ionia Street, Grayling Michigan 49738-1614 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629, Pages 315 through 325, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$50,576.64.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:

East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 22, of ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6)

months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
 Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
 Cheboygan, MI 49721  
 (231) 627-4351  
 Dated: February 2, 2003

-12-19-26-4-11

### Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Douglas K. Moggo and Pauline Moggo to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated June 17, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on June 20, 1996, in Liber 413, Page(s) 254, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$53,810.86, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the

City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.25 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, State of Michigan described as follows:

That certain parcel of land located within the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, bounded by a line beginning at the Section corner at the Northwest corner of said forty-acre tract and running thence East 132 feet; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet, thence North 330 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being in the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC  
 (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)  
 DONALD A BRANDT (P30183)

Attorneys for Mortgagee  
 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817  
 Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
 (231) 941-9660  
 Dated: January 26, 2004

-5-12-19-26-4

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO



## Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by George A. Pelton and Linda Pelton, to Kalkaska Housing Factory, dated August 21, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 53, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), by Mortgage Assignment dated August 23, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 56, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$37,600.91, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 8.99 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

All of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 28, North, Range 3 West, also including that part of the following described Parcel "G" located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34; EXCEPT therefrom that part decided to the State Highway Commissioner by deed recorded March 20, 1931 in Liber 18, Page 384.

PARCEL "G": Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 34, T28N, R3W, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 34; thence S89°56'W (along the Section line), 1061.8 feet to the P.O.B.; thence S0°18'E, 666.52 feet; thence S89°53'W, 260 feet; thence S0°18'E, 660 feet; thence S89°53'W, 266 feet; thence N0°11'18"W, 1026.98 feet; thence N89°56'E, 263.5

feet; thence N0°18'W, 300 feet; thence N89°56'E, 260 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC  
f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation  
d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance  
Donald A Brandt (P30183)  
Attorneys for Mortgage  
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817  
(231) 941-9660  
Date: February 11, 2004  
-19-26-4-11-18

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold J. Johnson and Roberta M. Johnson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 1996, and recorded on December 10, 1996 in Liber 422 on Page 481, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999 recorded on November 2, 1999 in Liber 494 on Page 338, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Two And 82/100 Dollars (\$43,302.82), including interest at 8.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township

of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 19, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248-593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #014409F01  
-19-26-4-11

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6758-DE

Estate of Phyllis Ruth Brummer, deceased

Date of birth: 12-12-1920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Phyllis Ruth Brummer, who lived at 9395 Lincoln Park Blvd., Grayling, Michigan died Nov. 2, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 18, 2004  
Camarin L. Compton P64799  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738

David R. Sabin (P19822)  
115 E. Michigan Ave.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
-26-4-11

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 85/100 Dollars (\$41,229.85), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 31, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC F 248.593.1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #010075F02  
-26-4-11-18

## Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by DAVID R. WAGNER, a single man, to REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2001 and recorded on July 25, 2001 in Liber 0544, Page(s) 067 CRAWFORD County Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred six thousand one hundred fifty and 19/100 Dollars (\$106,150.19), including interest at 5.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 A.M. on March 31, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 244, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3, PAGE 25, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: February 26, 2004

REPUBLIC BANK, MORTGAGEE

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

For Information please call:

(248) 540-7701  
-26-4-11-18

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-1D, said assignment dated the 8th day of March, 2000 and recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four & 07/100 (\$101,964.07), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided,

1839 Dewitt Trail

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2/26/04 The Bank of New York

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.

Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)

Attorney for The Bank of New York

888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470

Troy, MI 48064

248-362-2600  
-26-4-11-18-25

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax (989) 348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

## LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with the taxpayers on Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and on Thursday, March 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Land fill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2004-2005 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall on Monday, April 5, 2004.

Frederick Schaibly  
Lovells Township Supervisor

## TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The CITY OF GRAYLING Board of Review for the 2004 tax and assessment rolls will meet for its organizational meeting on March 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board will meet with the taxpayers/petitioners on the following dates at the specified times:

Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 - 12:00 and from 1:00 - 4:00 and Tuesday, March 9, 2004 from 1:00 - 4:00 and from 6:00 - 9:00 Meetings will be held at the GRAYLING CITY HALL.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property within the City of Grayling.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Larry Hunter/Chris Verlaac  
Co-Assessors, City of Grayling

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting of March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and on Thursday, March 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00p.m. All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township

## TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The FREDERIC TOWNSHIP Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting of March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the petitioners on the following dates:

March 10, 2004 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
March 13, 2004 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the FREDERIC TOWNSHIP Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612. The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Timber/Cut Over	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

William T. Johnson  
Frederic Township Supervisor

## NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 2, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2004 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 11, 2004, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

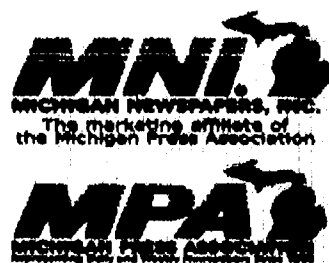
The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	61.88	.8079
Commercial	49.51	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	45.38	1.1018

Lee Riley  
Township Supervisor

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.  
Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.





# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
**February 26, 1981**

Mickey Perez, her daughter Maria and Dawn Weaver, daughter of Mary Weaver, were State Champions in Holiday Double Bowling Tournament held recently at Grayling's Legion Lanes.

Karyn Reynolds won the only Viking Ski Team medal in the Michigan Huron Shores Leagues Meet. She placed 6th in the slalom and 8th in the giant slalom.

In last Saturday's Annual Klondike Canoe Derby Brett Stockton and Butch Stockton of Grayling won the winter carnival event, paddling to Spider Cut, about three miles downstream, and back in less than 45 minutes. Out of 21 teams entering, 20 finished with the last team returning in about an hour. John Baker and Jay Stephan of Grayling finished third.

A misdirected mallard confused by Michigan's ever-changing weather, paddles in a parking lot puddle in downtown Grayling. The daffy duck was spotted by a downtown businessman who found him behind Aubrey's Barber Shop.

A group of concerned citizens met with Crawford County Zoning and Planning Board at their meeting on February 18, 1981 at the courthouse. These citizens were opposed to the construction of a sour gas sweetening plant to be built by the Michigan

Oil Company of Jackson, at a proposed site in Frederic Township, Crawford County. The citizens, headed by Thomas Campeau and Floyd Hanger, had the backing of all neighbors in the area. The main issue being the building of such a facility in their beautiful valley along the Manistee River and the fact that summer residents were not aware or represented in these matters.

The Crawford-AuSable Board of Education decided Monday night to proceed with plans for construction of a new Middle School, although members agreed to top more than \$1 million dollars off an estimate by architects presented just a week ago that topped the \$5 million mark. The conclusion was reached despite angry protests from spectators who said the general public is ill-prepared to pay for such a major expenditure at the present time.

**46 Years Ago**  
**February 27, 1958**

The old Grayling Mercy Hospital begins to show visible signs of the wrecking ball. Windows out, some siding, but not visible is the complete cleaning out of the interior of the building. A landmark along US-27 in Grayling for nearly three generations will soon be but a memory.

John Bruun of Grayling, former president and cashier of Grayling State Bank, was named

to the board of directors.

According to the figures as compiled by the unemployment census taker, Grayling has a population of 2,037.

The Grayling Winter Sports Park had another good weekend. Winter Sports President William Joseph announced that the association has at least been able to pay in full all bills against the park for the past years operation. Skiing, skating and tobogganing will continue as long as the weather holds out and the crowd and income warrant continued operations.

The home of Leo Canfield in Beaver Creek was destroyed by fire that started at about 8 o'clock this morning. It has not been learned how the fire started, but they lost everything.

The Crawford County Chambers of Commerce is still moving towards two goals set prior to the start of the membership drive in January. The financial goal was set at \$7,500 for that year. Three quarters of that is now in, \$5,675.00. Twenty-two new members have joined the Chambers this year and the goal of 250 members for the year is now 70 percent complete as 174 members now belong to the county wide organization, secretary-manager Robert Hayes has announced.

**69 Years Ago**  
**February 28, 1935**

With the advent of the new models, automobile sales in Grayling have, in common with other towns, taken a sharp jump.

Although some of the '35 models have been out for only a matter of days Grayling automobile dealers have delivered already 18 new cars and trucks.

Spike says his Beer Garden will have to have a new name because it is no longer to be a beer garden. It will be a class C restaurant and, besides beer, they will sell wines and liquors. He is offering \$5 in cash for a name that he accepts. Contest closes Saturday, March 9th, and is open to the "whole world".

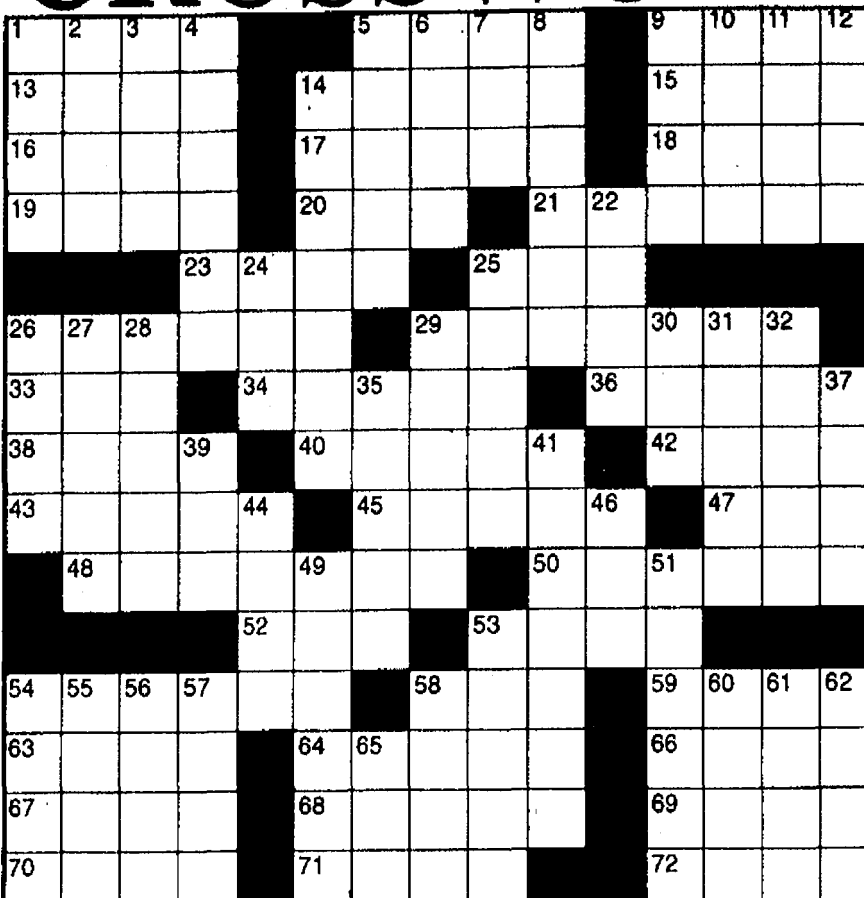
Monday we experienced one of the heaviest snow falls of the winter when traffic was blocked on the side street, with even difficulty in getting through the main traveled thoroughfares. And then to make it seem like a real northern winter the mercury went to 15 below Tuesday night and 29 below Wednesday night. Today is just like a spring day

**92 Years Ago**  
**February 29, 1912**

A live black fox passed through the city last Tuesday afternoon on the M.C.R.R. These are a very rare and valuable animal. This one had been captured by Ed Chalker of Maple Forest and was being shipped to a gentleman to New Foundland.

Grayling people are fortunate in getting the services of Dr. G. C. Penberthy, who comes here splendidly recommended by Drs. McLain and Brooks of Detroit. It is expected that Dr. Penberthy will associate himself with Dr. Keyport, at last until Dr. Insley is able to again take up his work.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. '50s soda
5. Shamrock isle
9. Drive the getaway car, e.g.
13. Kim Basinger's man
14. Make amends
15. Have enmity
16. Le... Goriot
17. Become too nervous to perform
18. Rock Hall of Famer James
19. Be apparently true
20. Maze traveler
21. Maiden
22. The Bard's river
25. "I'm Dickens... Fenster"
26. Odd instrument in "The 1812 Overture"
29. ... for Bonzo
33. Indignation
34. Du Pont's drip-dry discovery
36. Not active, as a gas
38. Pulls, as a disabled car
40. Spiritual food
42. Singer Laine
43. ... board
45. "The Eve of St. Agnes" poet
47. Fire prevention month: abbr.
48. Stirs
50. Jeers

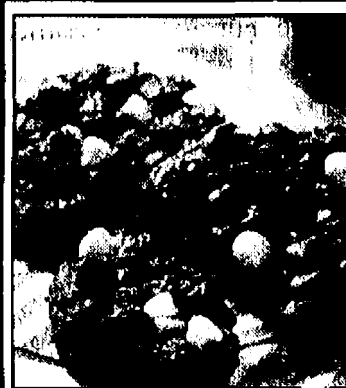
52. ... Palmas
53. Unskilled laborer
54. Mr. Sammler's ... (Bellow)
58. Solder substance
59. Gloomy
63. Kauai's neighbor
64. Not married
66. ... Is Not Enough
67. Son Judah
68. Breeds
69. Cairo's waterway
70. Lorna Doone, for one
71. Promontory
72. List abbr.

### DOWN

1. Drowns
2. Part of a Civil War signature
3. It Can't Happen ... (Sinclair Lewis novel)
4. 1984 Hutton film about a chilling discovery
5. ... Frome
6. Horseradish or ginger
7. Squid's squirt
8. Had occasion for
9. Interruptive sound
10. Clubs
11. Small: suffix
12. Certain duck
14. MADD, for one
22. Italian wine town
24. Maria ... Trapp

25. Kind of rinse
26. Command
27. Bakery's come-on
28. Later
29. Anthropologists' treasures
30. Business inits.
31. Summer dessert
32. Standing tall
35. Actress Veronica et al.
37. Little kids
39. B'way sellout sign
41. Listens
44. Holiday season
46. ... Tomé
49. Hyperion's orbit
51. She's Come ...
53. Wharves
54. Motel amenity
55. Turner of Peyton Place
56. Cries of surprise
57. The sisters of Sister Act
58. Beginning of a Clement Moore poem
60. Don't bet ...! (2 wds.)
61. Where Kareem went to school
62. Spool of film
65. Maiden name preceder

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## One-Bowl Triple Chocolate Oatmeal Jumbles

- Devil's food cake mix with or without pudding may be used.
- To substitute quick (1 minute) oats, decrease oats to 1-1/2 cups.

- |     |  |
|-----|--|
| 1/2 | cup (1 stick) 65% vegetable oil spread package (18.25 oz.) |
| 1   | devil's food cake mix                                      |
| 2   | cups Old Fashioned Oats, uncooked                          |
| 3   | eggs   |
| 2/3 | cup EACH white chocolate and semisweet chocolate chips     |

Heat oven to 350°F. Place spread in large microwavable bowl; cover loosely with waxed paper. Microwave on HIGH (100%) for 30 seconds or until melted; cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients. Stir until well blended (dough will be very stiff). Drop dough by level one-fourth measuring cupfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets; flatten slightly. Bake 13 to 17 minutes, just until set. (Do not overbake. Centers should be soft.) Let stand on cookie sheets 1 minute; using wide spatula, transfer to wire racks. Cool completely.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### Did You Know

Like a finger print,  
everyone's tongue print  
is different.

### Connect the dots

## Adopt a Pet

Howie needs a home!! When Howie came to us he had his leg through his collar and it had nearly cut his leg off. He had on a name tag that said his name was Howie. No one ever came for him. He is healed now and wants a real home of his own. He is neutered and has all of his vaccinations. Howie is a great cat! Don't forget to Have a Heart for the animals! Show your love for animals and buy a heart today at local participating businesses.

For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 26, 2004

 <b>Capricorn</b> December 22-January 19 You'll soon find out if the rules you enforced are going to resolve a dilemma at home. A home repair can't wait any longer.	 <b>Aries</b> March 21-April 19 Rumors are circling at work. Don't pay attention to them until you receive concrete proof. A relationship needs work.	 <b>Cancer</b> June 22-July 22 The burdens you've been carrying around are lifted. Relax, go out and have some fun. A package finally arrives.	 <b>Libra</b> September 23-October 22 Has life gotten dull? Try a new hobby, adopt a pet or join an organization. A friend makes an unusual choice. Keep your thoughts to yourself.
 <b>Aquarius</b> January 20-February 18 You're inundated with requests. Agree to those you have time for and turn down the rest. An invitation arrives in the mail.	 <b>Taurus</b> April 20-May 20 A chance meeting results in new business prospects. Your boss rewards you well. A blunder turns into a blessing.	 <b>Leo</b> July 23-August 22 Small talk is not one of your strong suits, but you'll have to make an effort at a business conference. A relative recovers. Spread the good word.	 <b>Scorpio</b> October 23-November 21 Has the clutter gotten out of control? It's time to do some early spring cleaning. Take stock of what you have and get rid of anything you don't need.
 <b>Pisces</b> February 19-March 20 An issue you thought was resolved rears its ugly head. This time, be tough and tackle it with a different approach.	 <b>Gemini</b> May 21-June 21 Changes are ahead, some good and some bad. Deal with them the best way you can and move on. You have too much work to do to sit and stew.	 <b>Virgo</b> August 23-September 22 Your presentation garners a lot of positive feedback. Your boss is impressed and may offer you a promotion.	 <b>Sagittarius</b> November 22-December 21 Has a friendship gone sour? Make certain it isn't waning before you put an end to it. A plan falls apart.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

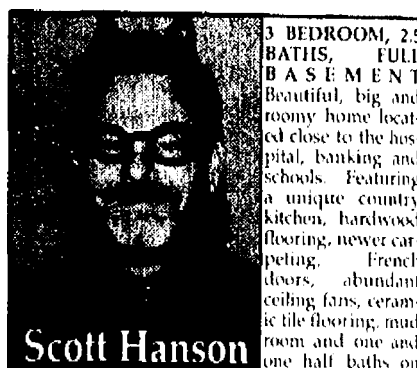
Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Skwy	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2/18	26	3	37	High 34	High 38	High 43	High 40	High 40	High 33
2/19	39	11	36	Low 13	Low 23	Low 29	Low 32	Low 20	Low 15
2/20	39	14	38	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers	Rain/Snow Showers	Snow Showers
2/21	34	25	39						
2/22	29	25	39						
2/23	41	26	38						
2/24	33	23	42						



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate



Scott Hanson

Downstairs you'll find two bedrooms, a photographic darkroom, full bath and secure storage! The entire house is wired for phones and computers! Out in the garage you'll find a heated/ac office or guest quarters! #5227 REDUCED \$78,000

### Motivated Seller



River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (989) 348-5474

### 1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99/t/1)

**FIVE BEDROOM** Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$126,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/t/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH 2 1/2** acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/t/1)

**QUALITY BUILT THREE** bedroom, two bath home with attached, heated, two car garage. Amenities include oak flooring, wiring for surround sound, heated tile floors in bathrooms, deck, and storage shed. Located at 3151 Jones Lake Rd, in AuSable Woods - includes use of club house and pool. \$119,000. 348-3587. Owners motivated to sell. (-12-19-26/1)

**NEW THREE BEDROOM** two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-12-19-26-4/1)

### 1. Real Estate

### 1. Real Estate

**BUILD YOUR DREAMS** within one mile of city limits, 1.1 acre parcels, \$750 down, 125.86 month payment, call 348-1482. (-19-26-4-11/1)

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** starting March 3, 2004 and running each Wednesday for seven weeks at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling. Choose from morning or evening classes. The classes are free and include a credit report review along with budgeting topics. Call Alice at 866-637-1834 toll free to reserve your space. (-12-19-26/1)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate

### 1. Real Estate

**PRICED REDUCED!** - \$38,500 Cute cabin completely remodeled inside. New floor covering and oak kitchen cabinets. All situated on 2.8 acres. Near AuSable River and thousands of acres of state land. Call Fred Fisher at RE/MAX of Grayling (989) 348-7440 or visit www.FredFisher.com for information 24 hours a day. (-26/1)

### 2. For Rent

**NICE THREE BEDROOM HOME:** secluded area, 75 feet off the river, garage, partially furnished, reference required. \$800 monthly. By Hartwick Pines. 248-388-2623. (-26-4-11-18-25/2)

### 1. Real Estate

### 2. For Rent

**NICE ROOM FOR RENT** country setting, six miles from Grayling, no pets, no deposit. (989) 348-7506. (-19-26/2)

**FOR SALE** three bedroom two bath mobile home remodeled, new carpet and flooring, \$8,900. Possible terms or rent with option to buy. 619-2800 (989) 348-0194. (-26/2)

**RELIABLE, NO SMOKING** two bedroom, one bath, close to Roscommon and Higgins Lake. \$500 a month. Washer, dryer and garbage disposal included. (616) 365-8072 (-26/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile home with natural gas. \$400 a month plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418 (-19-26-4-11-18/2)

**CABINS AND MOBILE HOMES** at Lost Acres, one bedroom cabins for rent \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. (2) Two bedroom mobile homes, older, clean, only \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. Units are located on 30 wooded acres, from 11004-11010 N. Old U.S. 27, three miles south of waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry no pets allowed. (2/19/04/t/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03/t/2)

**FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 1. Real Estate



**Stunning Home Custom** built in 2000. Located on 1.4 acres. Outstanding characteristics include: custom Ash Cabinets throughout, Hickory Hardwood Floors, Anderson Windows, 22x38 Insulated & Heated Garage, Fenced Yard, Patio, Covered Front Porch and all major appliances. #5216 \$159,000

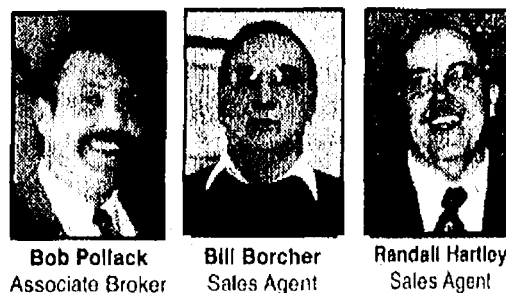


River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (989) 348-5474

## Go With The Winning Team!



Randy Thompson Broker / Owner  
Connie Winans Associate Broker  
Scott Hanson Sales Agent



Bob Pollack Associate Broker  
Bill Borchers Sales Agent  
Randall Hartley Sales Agent



Jerry Gosnell Associate Broker  
Casey Thompson Sales Agent  
Vicki Harrington Sales Agent

### Special Feature!



**Great location!** Convenient to bike trails, City of Grayling, and High School. Nice, 3 bedroom home features a 26x26 attached garage, a large-fenced back yard, 2 sheds and kids-play house. #5159 \$78,000

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED.

**Century 21** 1-888-324-6568  
Mortgage We'll beat any lender's price or pay you \$500\*



**RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC**

2375 South I-75 Business Loop (Next to K-Mart) • Grayling, Michigan 49738

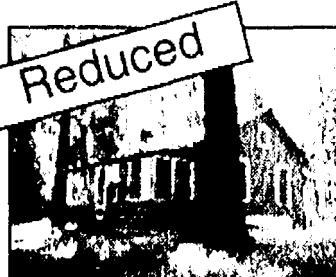
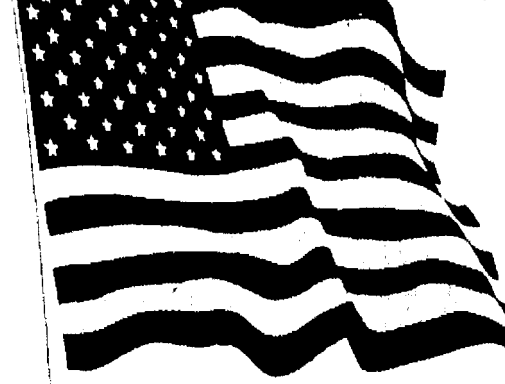
**www.century21grayling.com**



Quality Service Award  
Winning Office  
1993-1995-1997  
1998-1999-2000  
2001 & 2002

**Office 348-5474**  
**Fax 348-4420**

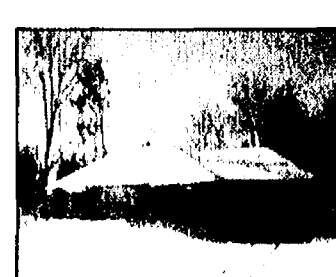
## Proud To Be American!



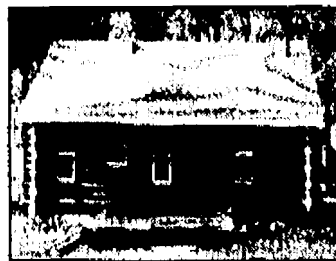
On the main stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters"! Quaint 2 bedroom, 1,144 SF cottage located right on the banks of the river (stones throw from the front porch). Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view. #5070 \$154,000



Enjoy the serenity of AuSable River front living amongst the pines yet still have the convenience of being close to town. This spotless full log home features two bedrooms w/built in dressers, 2 1/2 baths, walkout basement, fireplace, decking and much much more!! #5081 \$179,500



"A must see" This home was completely remodeled in 2001. This included new floor covering throughout, new bathroom and kitchen fixtures, new kitchen cabinets and counter top, new appliances and new furnace. A new roof was also put on in 2003. This home is turn key ready. #5235 \$93,500



Check out this neat log cabin only one block from Lake Margrethe. This is the real thing with a stunning stone fireplace and full basement. The cabin has two bedrooms and is located on Margrethe Blvd. Clean as a whistle and listed at only \$71,000 Take a look at this one! #5175



Three bedroom home with 1 full bath and a full basement. Located close to the hospital and within walking distance to downtown. Two car detached, insulated garage with extra room for workshop or storage. Home is in a quiet neighborhood, ideal for seniors looking for peace and quiet. #5229 \$74,900



Located in the heart of the North, snowmobile country, this cute 2 B/R home features a drive-thru garage...Don't wrestle with your machines! Seller is motivated. Home is located at the end of a side street in Frederic. #5234 \$58,000



Walk to the river or sled, from your front door. This cozy 3 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home is perfect for your around living or four season recreation. Offering a very secluded setting only 3/10's mile from the AuSable North Branch, state land abutting the west side of the property and an attached, insulated garage for the toys, who can ask for more! \$88,500 #5236



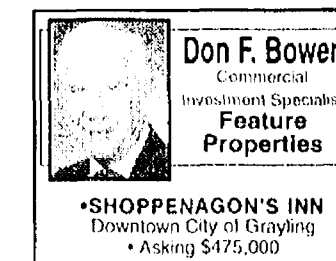
This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about 2 miles away. #5034 \$68,500



2002 New, quality, log sided home on a beautiful 3.73 acre wooded parcel. Home offers privacy and outstanding views. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, stone fireplace, attached garage. 2,079 SF not including full walk out basement. #4952 \$210,000



Garland Condo overlooking the #1 Green of Reflections Golf Course. Beautiful log construction comes furnished and features: Vaulted ceilings, skylights, ceramic & hardwood floors. There is also an option, to be included in a rent pool (to create income), for week ends you do not use your condo. 2 bedroom golf memberships offered at \$8,000 for Garland's 4 courses! \$183,500 or \$191,500 w/memberships. #5173



**Don F. Bowers**  
Commercial Investment Specialist  
**Feature Properties**  
• **SHOPPENAGON'S INN**  
Downtown City of Grayling  
• Asking \$475,000  
• **FORMERLY ERNIE'S FLEA MARKET**  
15854 West M-72  
(2) Commercial Buildings  
• Asking \$199,500  
• **SEVEN (2) ACRE PARCELS**  
Commercial Park  
• Starting at \$27,500 - Kalkaska  
• **COMMERCIAL BUILDING**  
600 James Street  
• Reduced to \$70,000

**SALES TEAM**

Bonnie S. Dahl ABR Office Manager  
Curry Lamotte Associate Broker  
Dawn S. Murphy ABR Associate Realtor  
Rick Anderson ABR Associate Realtor  
Larry Moore Associate Realtor  
Robert Gingerich Associate Realtor  
Deezy Lefkowitz Associate Realtor  
John Howe Associate Realtor  
Fred Shippey Associate Realtor  
Laurie Johnson Broker/Owner

For Over 90 Years a Moving Real Estate Firm Easy!  
Each Office is Independently Owned & Operated

Visit our listings at **www.cbcorneil.com**  
**www.coldwellbanker.com**

**Call Coldwell Banker**

**NEW LISTING**

**WELL-MAINTAINED HOME IN COUNTRY SETTING** Super Value!! A clean, neat 3 bedroom home with large garage. The perfect home for your family, a must see!! \$74,900 #230865

**HOME WITH 25' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAR LAKE** A perfect place to be! Enjoy your "round fun" in this lovely 3 B/R, 2 1/2 bath waterfront home offering beautiful decor. Bright open floor plan, private dock, full walk-out basement, 1 1/2 private & wooded corner lots, detached garage for extra storage and much, much more. Priced under appraised value \$239,900 #230860

**5 BEDROOM HOME CLOSE TO TOWN** 5 bedroom home with basement just 3 miles from downtown Grayling. Snowmobile trails and state land only minutes away. SELLER MOTIVATED. \$107,500 #230852

**NICE STARTER HOME IN CITY** Great 2 B/R, 1 bath home or rental income. Attached garage with separate area for workshop. New roof, fresh paint, new carpet and bath recently updated. \$59,500 #230835

**REDUCED**

**WOODED CORNER LOTS** Perfect corner lots for your new home or cabin. Wooded and secluded. Electric nearby. \$5,900 #225809

**PERFECT PROPERTY FOR WEEKEND GETAWAY** Beautiful 10.07 acres in great snowmobile area. Includes 18 foot travel trailer. Perfect for a weekend getaway or hunting camp. \$33,000 #228516

**BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRE PARCEL** Here is the perfect hunting acreage or place to build that beautiful log home. State land on the West. \$24,900 #227231

**SECLUDED BUT CLOSE TO PAVED ROAD** Here is that perfect 2.5 acre getaway spot that adjoins state land to the North. Sits back on a 2-track road with a locked gate. Septic, and well on site, but not guaranteed. \$16,900 #228118

**REDUCED**

**FIXER-UPPER IN TOWN** 2 B/R, 1 bath handyman special on city lot that is close to downtown and AuSable River. "As is" condition. Appliances not guaranteed. \$15,000 #230868

**AUTO REPAIR SHOP AND HOME** Auto service repair shop with some new equipment. Located in Frederic by major snowmobile trails. Great opportunity for auto and/or small engine service business. \$145,000 #228221

**NEWER HOME ON AUASABLE RIVER** Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 203' of frontage on the upper AuSable River. Very private, lots of wildlife. Large deck to enjoy the secluded setting. \$145,900 #226011

**VICTORIAN B&B** 6 BR, 4 1/2 bath, 1880's Victorian home comes furnished, and is currently being used as a Bed & Breakfast. Its atmosphere takes you back into the past as you enjoy ornate carved woodwork & staircase, leaded & beveled stained glass windows and 3 carved fireplaces. This home still retains its original grandeur!! \$490,000 #225585

**80 ACRES OF GORGEOUS LAND** Build your dream cabin on this unique 80 acre parcel. Property offers a great deal of cedar for the ideal hunting environment. Very good ingress and egress. Property includes 6 deer blinds, natural creek with pond, and electric nearby. A hunter's and investor's dream. IT WILL NOT LAST! \$129,900 #229966

**40 ACRES NEAR CHEBOYGAN** Nicely wooded 40 acre parcel of hardwoods, pines and some low land. Just a short drive to Black Lake. Great hunting/recreation parcel, subject to township approval of split. \$85,000 #229323

**COLDWELL BANKER**

**CORNELL REALTY**  
1-75 Business Loop (South)-Grayling  
989-348-4441 • 800-300-6653



**HOUSE, CABINS AND MOBILE** home at Lost Acres. Large three to four bedroom log home with new flooring and paint. Garage not included \$595, plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent from \$275 - \$375, including all utilities, plus \$200 security. Two bedroom mobile home, older, clean, only \$375, plus \$400 security and utilities. Units are located on 30 wooded acres, from 11004 - 11010 North Old U.S. 27, three miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (1/29/04)(f/2)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

**FOR LEASE COMMERCIAL** Building. Approximately 4,000 ft. great retail location at light on M-72 West and 93. Call for details. (989) 348-8659 (11/20/03)(f/2)

### 3. Employment

**MEDICAL OFFICE SEEKING** full time receptionist. Qualified applicants must have computer experience, billing experience helpful but will train right individual. Send resume to P.O. Box 418, Grayling 49738. (-26/3)

**NEEDED 17 people** to lose up to 30 lbs. in the next 30 days! 100% natural! 100% guaranteed! No ephedra! Call Carol 888-228-9539 or visit [www.healthwellbeing.com](http://www.healthwellbeing.com). (-26/3)

**DENTAL ASSISTANT WANT-**ED: We are seeking a full time dental assistant for our progressive dental office. Previous experience in dentistry is essential. We value warmth, maturity, and a health centered lifestyle. If you would like to fulfill your potential, call (989) 348-2626 or fax your resume to (989) 348-2996 for an interview. (-19-26/3)

**COMPASSIONATE CARE HOME HEALTH** Services is seeking R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s for the Crawford County area. Interested parties please call Arlene or Lynn at 1-866-705-8844. (-26/3)

**NURSING ASSISTANTS:** Grayling Nursing Centre has positions open on afternoons and midnight shifts. We are looking for dedicated individuals who enjoy the work they do. Come talk to us, we have great pay, great benefits and great people to care for. Apply at 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-19-26/3)

**NURSES ARE YOU** tired of being on the road, driving in inclement weather. Need someone who will work with your schedule. Come see us at Grayling Nursing Centre. We are growing and we need a few more nurses. Afternoon shift positions open now. Apply at 331 Meadows Dr. Grayling. Join our team of quality care givers. (-19-26/3) 3

**ATTENTION:** Work from home. \$500 - \$1,500 P/T, \$2,000 - \$4,500 F/T 1-800-304-2936 Success@AGreatIncome.com. (LR4/29/04/3)

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY and Veteran Affairs,** Camp Grayling, is accepting applications for a seasonal License Refrigeration Mechanic E10 with a minimum of four years experience in the refrigeration mechanic trade including two years performing skilled refrigeration mechanic assignments. Applicant must have a valid Driver's License, Boiler Installers License 1B, Mechanical License Classification 1-2-3-4-5-7 and EPA certification to recover freon. We are an equal opportunity employer. For questions please call 989-344-6109. Fax a detailed resume by February 27, 2004 to 989-344-6188 to the attention of The Office of Human Resources. (-19-26/3)

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA** Credit Union is seeking nominations from interested parties for positions on Board of Directors. Any member in good standing, with time to devote as a volunteer, is encouraged to submit a letter of interest with qualifications to: North Central Area Credit Union, Attn: Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 481, Grayling, MI 49738. Letters must be received no later than April 1, 2004. (-26/3)

**LOOKING FOR A FEDERAL OR POSTAL JOB?** What looks like the ticket to a secure job might be a scam. For information, call the Federal Trade Commission, toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP, or visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov). A message from The Crawford County Avalanche and the FTC.

**PRODUCTION WORKERS** now accepting application for full time production at AJD Forest Products, Grayling. Heavy manual labor, fast paced. Must regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Drug free workplace, benefit package including Blue Cross and Blue Shield, profit sharing, and 401 K. Apply in person between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at 4440 Four Mile Road, east of I-75, or telephone Human Resources at (989) 348-5412 ext. 151 for a application by mail. (-19-26/3)

### 4. Services Offered

**ART'S HANDYMAN SERVICES** Snow plowing, roof shoveling, prompt, reasonable. (989) 344-2036 (989) 710-0195. (-26/4)

**AUSABLE RIVER BOAT** small wooden boat repair and refinishing also, custom wood working/carved wood signs and glass etching. Call Billy and Cheryl (989) 348-5366. (-12-19-26-4/4)

**SNOWPLOWING AND ROOF SNOW** removal. Commercial/residential, Dependable service, reasonable rates. Call Dale (989) 348-5848 or (989) 710-1082. (-26-4/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL:** decks, walks, where plows don't go. Low/negotiable rates. Call Henry, 348-8801. (-26/4)

**SPRING AND SUMMER** Driver's Training segment 1 and 2 and road testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training school. Register now for the

April 14 or June 14 class. Contact Howard Lehti. 348-8838. (-19-26-4-11-18-25-1-8/4)

**LET JJ'S MOTOR MALL** Get your car, truck or van ready for Winter. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (1/1/04)(f/4)

**SNOW PLOWING** GRAYLING area. Call Jerry (989) 348-7046 Also snow, ice removal from roofs. 30 years experience. (-5-12-19-26/4)

**KATZ CLEANING SERVICE** for all your residential or business cleaning needs. Quality work at an affordable price with references, senior discounts. Call (989) 275-5476 or (989) 390-0004. (12/25/03)(f/4)

**THE CLASSIFIED** - The perfect place to find what your looking for. (989) 348-6811

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING, QUILTER.** Ask for Lorie (989) 348-7299. (-12-19-26-4/4)

**WILL CLEAN HOUSE** or any cleaning that you need done, also shampoo carpets. (989) 348-7526. (-19-26/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL SNOW PLOWING** and roof snow and ice removal. Competitive rates. Free estimates. (989) 348-5817, (989) 390-1526, (989) 344-1071. (-19-26/4)

**TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS** Free quotes on all size buildings. Featuring Ultra 2000 siding & roofing. 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison, Michigan 1 (800) 541-3974 [tomspolebuildings.com](http://tomspolebuildings.com) (2/7/02)(f/4)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

### 3. Employment

**Introducing The UPS Store.**


Enormous strength and limitless potential make this an unprecedented franchising opportunity. To learn more, visit [www.theupsstore.com](http://www.theupsstore.com) or call 1-877-623-7253.

The UPS Store 

**County Extension Director** Administer Michigan State University Extension Office in Crawford County. Also plan, develop and conduct educational programs in family and consumer sciences, community and economic development, agriculture and natural resources or 4-H. BS Degree (MS preferred) in a position related field. Additionally will provide support of Extension education programs in Family and Consumer Sciences in the three county area of Crawford, Otsego and Roscommon. Minimum of three years of professional position related experience. Apply by using the Web Employment Application Process at: <http://www.msue.msu.edu/jobs> by March 12, 2004 and refer to position #1393. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer which values diversity. For additional information contact: Patrick I. Cudney, Regional Director, Michigan State University North, 2200 Dendrinos Drive, Suite 100 Traverse City, MI 49684 231-929-3902

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

**1. Real Estate**



**House For Sale**  
By Owner  
First time homeowners check this deal out!  
3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 24 x 32 attached, insulated and heated garage and large shed, barn style situated on Approximately 7.25 acres of land on private road.  
\$107,500  
Financing Available  
(989) 619-4520

**1. Real Estate**

**NURSES ARE YOU** tired of being on the road, driving in inclement weather. Need someone who will work with your schedule. Come see us at Grayling Nursing Centre. We are growing and we need a few more nurses. Afternoon shift positions open now. Apply at 331 Meadows Dr. Grayling. Join our team of quality care givers. (-19-26/3) 3

**ATTENTION:** Work from home. \$500 - \$1,500 P/T, \$2,000 - \$4,500 F/T 1-800-304-2936 Success@AGreatIncome.com. (LR4/29/04/3)

**3. Employment**

**HELP WANTED**  
Energetic, motivated server needed for the Speak Easy Saloon inside the Grayling Holiday Inn. The successful candidate will possess excellent customer service skills, a positive attitude and outgoing personality and be able to work a flexible schedule. This position is part-time but may work into full time for the right person. Applications available at the front desk. No phone calls please. Holiday Inn is an equal opportunity employer.  
*Holiday Inn*

**3. Employment**

**HELP WANTED**  
**Grayling Holiday Inn**  
Applications are being accepted for Guest Service Representatives and housekeeping. Part time and full time positions available. Applications are available at the front desk, no phone calls please.  
2650 I-75 Business Loop Grayling, MI 49738

**RE/MAX OF Grayling**  
EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED

**CRAIG HINKLE** Broker/Owner  
**CHARLENE SCHEER** Broker/Owner

**BEAUTIFULLY WOODED HILLSIDE SETTING** with rolling terrain overlooking pond. Gorgeous newly remodeled 912 s.f. home plus full finished walk-out basement. 3 BR, 2 bath, family room, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceiling, doorwall onto 400 s.f. elevated deck. Maintenance free exterior with a rustic up north interior. 2 car garage and a 8 x 20 storage shed. Perfect recreational area near Bear Lake. CH-1687 \$99,500

**QUALITY BUILT TOWNHOUSE IN DESIRABLE VIKING VILLAGE** Spacious 1,248 s.f., 2 BR, 2 bath, double Anderson Windows and door wall onto patio, central A/C, breakfast nook, all appliances included. Full entry large living room, elevated interior, spotless move-in condition. 16 x 24 attached heated and finished garage, blacktop drive, sprinkling system. Beautiful secluded setting located just outside city limits. Master B/T suite w/ walk-in closet. Full bathroom. Amenities provided: a grass/shrub trimming, snow removal, garbage pick-up. Excellent Opportunity. Ask for condo bylaws. Seller is a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Michigan. CH-1907 \$87,900

**50 FEET FROM RIVERS EDGE WITH PRIVATE SETTING, 165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER!** Cozy log sided cottage sits 50' from the rivers edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Tongue and groove wood interior. Cedar siding on the exterior. Needs some finishing touches including floor covering. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Kitchen offers new oak cabinets with lazy susan. New vinyl windows and 3 vinyl patio doors onto full length deck overlooking the river. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1872 \$135,000

**LOOK AT THESE AMENITIES:** Secluded setting one mile from city limits. 1,810 SF New Cape Cod, 3 BR, 2.5 bath. Full basement plus unfinished bonus room above garage. (Not included in SF) Hardwood flooring, Anderson windows, Master B/T suite with walk in closet and full bath. Includes topsoil, grass seed and gravel driveway. Six Panel oak doors, oak trim, and finished garage. \$159,900 CH-1838

**COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME.** 2 Bedroom, 1 bath home offers open floor plan, new drywall, new carpet, new oak kitchen cabinets. New 24x24 Garage built in 1999. Large lot with private access to Manistee River Park with deeded access to the Manistee River. Very neat and clean. CS-1851 \$73,900

**PRICED RIGHT!** Spacious family home conveniently located close to town. 3 BR, 2 bath, family room, updated siding, windows, roof. Fenced yard, double lot, N/O, H/W heat. This 2,024 s.f. home is on deeded and street with 1+ acres. Immediate Occupancy! \$74,900 CH-1846

**CLOSE ACCESS TO MANISTEE RIVER** and State Land across road. Great location close to canoeing, fishing, and hunting. 1,248 SF, 3 BR, 3 baths, vaulted ceiling and three skylights. 14 x 24 detached garage and a 20 x 40 slab for a pole barn. CH-1730 \$73,900

**A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS** Chateau with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and snack bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained Road. CS-1800 \$99,500

**http://www.remaxofgrayling.com**  
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Sundays by appointment only"  
(989) 348-7440

**2. For Rent**

**The Grayling Housing Commission**  
has 2 three bedroom family apartments open.  
Qualifications:  
1. Good Rental History  
2. Good Credit History  
Rent is based on 30% of adjusted gross income for the year. Call 348-9314 if you are interested, or stop by the Grayling Housing Commission, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI and pick up an application.  
989-348-9314

**1. Real Estate**

**MORTGAGES**

**HOMESTEAD USA**

America's Residential Mortgage Source  
Real Estate Lending at its Best!  
Your full service mortgage lender  
FHA, VA, Conventional, Zero Down  
No Income/No Asset,  
Home Equity, Refinancing

**Jeanne Lee**  
231-933-4700  
1-800-794-3440  
1111 E. Eighth St.  
Traverse City, MI 49686

QUALITY • EXPERIENCE • INTEGRITY



**ANTIQUE OAK** Clawfoot pedestal table and five caned chairs. Very good condition. (989) 821-9137 (7/10/03tf/5)

**AKC SHIH TZU'S** four females, one males, brindle color, vet checked, first shot, paper trained, call Carol (989)-821-8915. (-19-26/5)

**BRAND NEW KENMORE** electric stove, two months old, white, asking \$250. Call 348-5848. (-26/5)

**2003 CRUISE MASTER** by Georgie Boy, brand new model 3625, 36 foot, eight inches. Two slide outs, workhorse chassis powered by G.M., 8.1, 1,200 miles, illness force of sale. \$115,000 or best offer. (989) 275-8029. (-26-4-11/5)

**FOR SALE:** 22 yo Gelded paint, retired camp horse, great on trails, needs other horses. \$1,000 obo. (989) 344-1678. (-12-19-26-4/5)

**FOR SALE** two full blood Beefalo heifer calves, D.O.B. April and May 2003. Sire: Stonewall. \$950 each or both \$1,800. Old Hickory Beefalo Farm. (989) 344-1678. (-12-19-26-4/5)

**1999 YAMAHA 700 VEN-TURE** 2-up many extras, \$3,600 or best offer. (989) 348-5532. (-26/5)

**QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP** mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS** set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**AMISH BUILT** pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03tf/5)

**2003 YAMAHA RX1 SNOW-MOBILE** blue studded, excellent condition. \$6,800 or best offer. 2001 Polaris Classic 500, electric start reverse, 2,000 miles, excellent condition. \$3,300 or best offer. (989) 826-1408. (-26/5)

**FIREPLACE OAK AND MAPLE** delivered, \$50 per face cord, \$10 for delivery. Dried and clean, call anytime, 348-5820. (-26/5)

**CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE?** Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811

**BUYING STANDING TIM-BER** of all species, top dollar paid, 10 acres or more. Please call Stuckman Tree Service. (989) 732-5230. (-19-26-4-11-18-25-1-8-15-22/6)

**BUYING OLD MAGAZINES** Archery catalogs, call (877) 416-6179. (-26-4-11-18/6)

**MAGIC THE GATHERING** card collections, wanted to buy, Call (989) 348-2875. Leave message please. (-26-4/6)

#### 7. Miscellaneous

**4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS** for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348-7647 or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

**FRED BEAR CAMPFIRE STORIES** Just released audio CD Listen to Fred himself telling his favorite hunting stories. Available at Sledheads of Frederic or call Pete Kocenas (989) 348-8627 (1/8/04tf/7)

#### 8. Announcements

**ANNUAL NATIONAL WILD TURKEY** Federation Sanctioned Banquet/Auction, Saturday, March 6, 2004 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner/program 7 p.m. For more information call Dennis Ryan (989) 348-8338 or Brian Brown (989) 275-1426. (-5-12-19-26-4/8)

**SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS** Saturday February 28th at Sled Heads of Frederic. Children must be 12 to obtain their safety permit. For more information call 344-7669. (-26/8)

**GRAY ROCK CAFE** Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (989) 348-5181 (3/13/03tf/8)

**LET JJ'S MOTOR MALL** Get your car, truck or van ready for Winter. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (1/1/04tf/8)

**LUNCHEON** Hot and/or Cold Foods. Salad and Dessert included. \$5 per person. Thursday, March 4 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Take out available. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. (-26/8)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**PASTA NIGHT** Every Wednesday night at Skyline. Dinners at \$4.99 and up. Served from 4:30-9:00. (9/25/03tf/8)

**SPRING BREAK PARTY** at Skyline. Ski until 10:00 on March 6th. Drink specials, food specials, and prizes. Watch for details in next week's Crawford County Avalanche. (-26/8)

**WINTER SALES SPECIAL** at Skyline Ski and Country Club. Save thousands of \$\$\$ and get free skiing and golf with the purchase of a lot. Special financing available. We will only sell a limited number of lots during this special. (989) 275-5445. (-26/8)

**SKIERS... SKYLINES** \$10 lift tickets and \$10 rental with a free meal on Fridays is back again! On Saturday get a four hour anytime ticket for \$22. A six dollar refundable deposit is required. Ski all day on Sunday from 10 to 5 for \$17 and register to win a free season pass for next year. For directions or questions call (989) 275-5445 or e-mail us at skyline@freeway.net. (-26-4/8)

#### 10. Garage Sales

**FRIDAY, 2-27-04,** furniture, metal/wooden desks, dressers, metal folding chairs, 72 E. Brink, 504 Fern 9-5 indoor. (-26/10)

#### 11. Automotive

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

**LET JJ'S MOTOR MALL** Get your car, truck or van ready for Winter. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (1/1/04tf/11)

**99 BUICK PARK AVENUE** excellent condition, loaded with options. Black, gray leather, moon roof, \$5,865 OBO (989) 348-8741. (-19-26/11)

**1996 CHEVROLET S-10** Blazer, four door, four wheel drive, LT, leather, loaded, good miles. \$7,900 (989) 348-8659 (12/25/03tf/11)

**1986 FORD E-150** van, 302 runs good, drives good, body rough. \$300. Call (989) 348-2875. (-26/11)

## "AVALANCHE OF MEMORIES" 2004 CALENDAR

Historical Photos of Crawford County  
For Sale Now at the Avalanche Office



\$1.00\*

\*Money from extra calendars sold will be donated to the Crawford County Historical Museum.

The Avalanche would like to thank our Advertisers, for making this Calendar possible.

#### 4. Services Offered

**Odd-Job Enterprises**  
Let us do your small home repairs  
FREE ESTIMATES - CALL  
LTC. Norm Schmook (Ret.)  
348-5132  
No odd jobs too small for Odd Job

**CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY**  
Over 20 years experience  
Choose fabric in your home  
FREE estimates • Pick-up & delivery  
Shirley Bolton (231) 258-2610

**MOBILE GROOMING SERVICE**  
MAKE YOUR PET NEAT, CLEAN,  
AND HAPPY RIGHT AT HOME!  
989-344-0584

**COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK  
INSTALLATION & CLEANING**  
Jack Millikin, Inc.  
348-8411  
www.jackmillikininc.com

#### 9. Personals

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
Kane Murphy  
February 20, 2004  
We Love You.  
Mom & Dad

#### 7. Miscellaneous

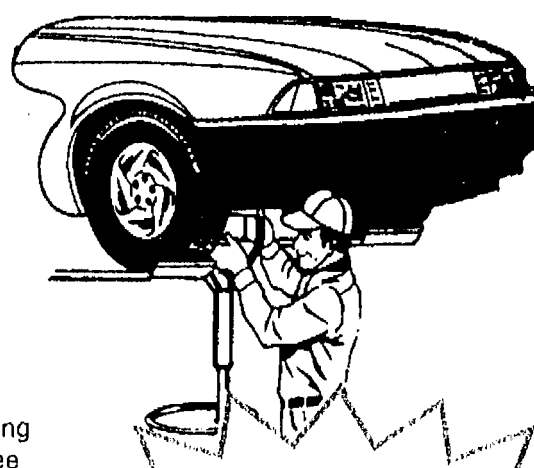
### Crossword Answers

NEHI ERIN ABET  
ALEC ATONE HATE  
PERE CHOKE ETTA  
SEEM RAT DAMSEL  
AVON HES  
CANNON BEDTIME  
IRE NYLON INERT  
TOWS MANNA CLEO  
EMERY KEATS OCT  
AROUSES TAUNTS  
LAS PEON  
PLANET TIN DOOR  
OAHU UNWED ONCE  
ONAN REARS NILE  
LASS NESS ETAL

#### 11. Automotive

**OIL CHANGE  
IN 29 MINUTES  
OR LESS OR THE NEXT ONE IS FREE!**

- Oil change (up to five quarts of oil)
- Oil filter
- Chassis lube
- Fluid level checks
- Brakes - differential transfer case - transmission windshield washer
- 25-point inspection
- No Appointment Necessary
- Competitive Up-Front Pricing
- Limited Lifetime Guarantee on Parts & Labor
- Courtesy Transportation



\$22.95

EVERY DAY!

Goodwrench

**SCHIEER MOTORS**

US-27 North, Grayling • 989-348-5451  
SEE DEALER FOR GUARANTEE DETAILS

**We Will Beat Any Deal  
To Keep Your Business In Town!**



Salesperson: Cliff Wheeler  
and Customers: Dennis & Therese Kaiser

Why We bought from Schieer Motors...

We enjoy the friendly service and attention that we get from Cliff and everyone else here. It's a great place to do business.

Dennis & Therese Kaiser  
www.schieermotors.com  
Mon. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Tues. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
U.S. 27 NORTH • GRAYLING, MI 49738  
CALL TODAY! • 989-348-5451

## DIRECTOR CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Crawford County is seeking a Director for our Commission on Aging. Bachelor's Degree in public or business administration, gerontology, social work or related area is preferred. The applicant should possess two to five years of professional experience in the human services field, gerontology preferred. Supervisory or administrative experience in personnel, budgeting and grant preparation and administration is advantageous. The Director will work closely with the senior citizens of our community and report to a seven member Board.

The ideal candidate will be an individual possessing the previous requirements and have a desire to serve the senior population of our community. The individual will be energetic, enthusiastic, and skilled in administrative duties.

Grayling is located in the center of Northern Michigan. We enjoy an abundance of state land available for recreational purposes with two of the most pristine rivers in North America flowing through our county. Our population has increased over 16% in the last ten years. Much of the increase is attributable to senior citizens.

We offer a competitive salary and benefit package based on qualifications and experience. Interested candidates will send resume to:

Paul Compo, Controller  
200 W. Michigan Ave.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Fax (989) 348-5743  
pcompo@crawfordco.org

Application deadline is 4:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2004  
Crawford County is an equal opportunity employer.





**MICH-CAN  
STATEWIDE  
CLASSIFIED**

## REAL ESTATE

**THE VILLAGES OF OSCODA**  
Last of former Air Force Homes being sold, don't miss out. Beautifully Remodeled\* Great Location\* Lowow Prices. Free Video 1-800-386-7133 Northern Michigan Realty

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

**REDUCE PROBLEM DEBT** by up to 80%. Small businesses & individuals. No Settlement - No Fee. Call 1-877-4-LESS DEBT (1-877-453-7733) E-mail: money4u@comcast.net

**\*\*\*\*MORTGAGE LOANS\*\*\*\***  
Refinance & use your home's equity for any purpose: Land Contract & Mortgage Payoffs, Home Improvements, Debt Consolidation, Property Taxes. Cash Available for Good, Bad, or Ugly Credit! 1-800-246-8100 Anytime! United Mortgage Services www.umsmortgage.com

**WILLIQUALIFY.COM** Purchase or Refinance. Home financing options for any type of credit. Visit us online or call us toll-free (888) 466-3591.

**\*\*\*\*LAND CONTRACTS\*\*\*\*** If you're receiving payments on a Land Contract, Get A Better Cash Price In One Day. Argo Realty (248) 569-1200, Toll-Free 1-800-367-2746.

**HOME OWNERS! CASH FAST!** Mortgage & Land Contract Refinancing, Debt Consolidations, Foreclosures, Turned Down! Problem Credit! We Can Help! Quick Closings! 24 Hours. Access Mortgage 1-800-611-3766

**\$\$\$CASH\$\$\$** Cash now for structured settlements, annuities, and insurance payouts. (800)794-7310 J.G. Wentworth... J.G. Wentworth Means Cash Now For Structured Settlements

**DOCTOR LOANS MONEY ON REAL ESTATE AND BUYS LAND CONTRACTS.** Fast closing, immediate cash. Deal directly with Dr. Daniels and Son, 1-800-837-6166, 1-248-335-6166 allandaniels@hotmail.com

**STOP FORECLOSURE!** Save your home! Our guaranteed professional service and unique, low-cost system can help. Call 1-888-867-9840. Read actual case results online at www.UnitedFreshStart.com

**CASH FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT/ Annuity payments.** It's your money! Get cash now When you need it most! Oldest/ best in the business. Settlement Purchasers. 1-877-Money-Me.

## EMPLOYMENT

**LOG HOME DEALERS WANTED.** Great Earning Potential, Excellent Profits. Protected Territory, Lifetime Warranty. American Made - Honest Value. Call Daniel Boone Log Homes 1-888-443-4140.

**DRIVERS - EXPANDING DEDICATED LANES** along I-94 Corridor & Lower Michigan. OTR exp. required. Will train for flatbed. Good pay & benefits. Call Tandem 7am - 5pm 800-348-8532 ext. 140 www.tandem.com

**DRIVERS:** We've done the math. Company Drivers, 40¢/mi. x 1500 miles = ZIP. 33¢/mi. x 3000 = \$990 + bonus. O/Op 90¢/mi. x 1800 = ZIP. O/Op 83¢/mi. x 3000 = \$2490. Teams 35¢/mi. Welcome to Buske Country 800-879-2486 x 286.

**MONEY, MONEY & MORE MONEY!** Learn to Drive the Big Rigs. Just Four Short Weeks of training. Train in Michigan. Call Shantel at American Truck Driving School Now!! 1-800-999-8012 or www.yourfutureartshare.com

**BEST OF EVERYTHING!** Home weekly. Make from \$.38 to \$.41 to Start! No trick bonuses here just honest pay rates! Heartland Express 1-800-441-4953 www.heartlandexpress.com

**ATTENTION: OWNER OPERATORS;** Expediting = More Work and More Pay! Earn \$1.65cpm, 99% No Touch, Teams: \$2000 Sign-On Bonus. Call Express 1-800-800-5161 www.express-1.com

**ASSISTANT CIRCULATION MANAGER.** Seeking organized problem-solver, effective communicator. Family-owned paper, Weekday circulation: 11,000; Sunday shopper: 28,000. Carl Redder, Circulation Manager, Petoskey News-Review, P.O. Box 528, Petoskey, MI 49770. Deadline: 3-26-04.

**DRIVER.** Excellent Lease Purchase Program! Low Monthly Payments. Owner Operator Solos and Teams also needed! Training Program for spouse or friend. CRST 800-767-6918.

**GOVERNMENT JOBS!** WILDLIFE/POSTAL \$13.51 to \$58.00 per hour. Full Benefits. Paid Training. Call for Application and Exam Information. No experience Necessary. Toll Free 1-888-269-6090 ext. 600

**HELP WANTED:** Get a weekly listing of newspaper positions available in Michigan. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: bulletin@michiganpress.org.

**REACH 3.5 MILLION** Michigan readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$949 - Contact this newspaper for details.

**DRIVERS: BEST GETS BETTER!** Company up to \$45. Teams up to \$53. O/O up to \$93 per mile! New Lease Purchase Plan w/\$0 down!! Call 1-800-CFI-DRIVE www.cfidrive.com

**DRIVER - COVENANT TRANSPORT.** Teams and Solos check out our new pay plan. Owner Operators, Experienced Drivers, Solos, Teams and Graduate Students. Call 1-888-MORE-PAY (1-888-667-3729).

**ENTRY LEVEL DRIVERS NEEDED!** \$35,000 First Year! Regional and OTR, Great Benefits, 401K and Retirement. No experience needed! Training provided by West Michigan CDL, Inc. 1-888-550-4947

## EDUCATION

**EARN YOUR DEGREE -** Online from home. Business, Paralegal, Computer Specialist and more. Financial Aid, job placement assistance and computers provided. Call free (866) 858-2121 or www.tidewatertechonline.com

# GM SCHEER MOTORS GM

OFFERING A FULL LINE OF QUALITY NEW & USED VEHICLES

**ZERO DOWN, ZERO SECURITY DEPOSIT, ZERO FIRST PAYMENT!**

**LOW, LOW, PAYMENTS AND PRICES!!!**

**GMAC WAIVES YOUR FIRST PAYMENT!**

**(THERE, WILL THAT GET YOU OUT IN ZERO DEGREE WEATHER?)**

## BRAND NEW 2004 CHEVY COLORADO 4X4

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$239** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$21,489**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$269** month  
General Public Buy **\$22,988**



Awsome new style truck, equipped the way you want it. Air, power options & more! Stock #20277



## BRAND NEW 2004 CHEVY IMPALA

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$229** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$17,879**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$256** month  
General Public Buy **\$19,326**

The best looking GM has ever been in Northern Michigan! Full power, equipped, no shipped!

## BRAND NEW 2004 CHEVY TANHOE 4X4

WITH DVD ENTERTAINMENT!

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$457** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$35,435**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$517** month  
General Public Buy **\$37,988**



Wow! When you travel in peace and quiet, you'll appreciate the inside vehicle. It has power everything (including sunroof) clean, shiny, leather interior. This is a special equipment! And Don't choose, you'll lose! Stock #20368

## BRAND NEW 2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$209** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$17,390**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$239** month  
General Public Buy **\$18,588**

Hard to Believe! A sporty GT with all the comforts of a sedan! Stock #20365

## BRAND NEW 2004 PONTIAC VIBE

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$231** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$15,815**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$259** month  
General Public Buy **\$17,067**



The extremely popular new Vibe like you'd want at a price anyone can afford! Stock #20342

## BRAND NEW BUICK RENDEZVOUS

GM Employee Discount Lease **\$248** month  
GM Employee Discount Buy **\$19,596**

**ZERO DOWN**

General Public Lease **\$279** month  
General Public Buy **\$21,203**

Awsome deal! Lowest payments and price of the year! Stock #20257

Under the GMAC "Sign and Drive" Smartlease program, your first payment will be waived, and no security deposit will be required. Monthly payment leases only, all advertised lease payments are plus tax. State fees and documentation fees are extra. Terms are for 48 months and allow 48,000 miles, other term, mileage plans available. Buy prices are net of rebate, state sales tax must be paid on purchase price before rebate. See sales person for additional details!

**BREAK THROUGH REVOLUTION** Oldsmobile BUICK Pontiac Saturn GM Certified USED VEHICLE



Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 8-8, Tues. Wed & Fri. 8-6, Sat. 9-2

**U.S. 27 NORTH • GRAYLING • 989-348-5451 • 1-800-968-8848**

E-MAIL: SCHEER2@SCHEERMOTORS.COM • WEBSITE: WWW.SCHEERMOTORS.COM

## NEW IN STOCK

**2003 CHEVY MALIBU**  
No Money Down! \$199/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
Wow! V6 power options, Cruise, Tilt, CD, much more! #5173  
Was \$13,988 Blowout Price

**2003 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM**  
Beautiful light bronze color, fully equipped! Only 22,000 miles! #84028  
Was \$18,988 Blowout Price

**2003 CHEVY CAVALIER**  
No Money Down! \$179/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
Automatic with air, very nice, 4dr sedan. Equipped! #74898  
Was \$12,988 Blowout Price

**2003 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE**  
No Money Down! \$229/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
A Grand Prix for a payment like a Taurus! Very nice with low mile! Factory warranty! Check this out! #41713  
Was \$15,988 Blowout Price

**2003 OLDS ALERO GL 4 DOOR**  
No Money Down! \$219/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
Wow! Awesome red with lots of eye appeal! Lots of options including CD, rear spoiler, and aluminum wheels! Only 15k Miles! #5159  
Was \$14,988 Blowout Price

**2003 PONTIAC VIBE**  
Power CD, Power Sunroof! #5122-1  
Was \$15,988 Blowout Price

**2003 FORD TAURUS**  
No Money Down! \$229/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
Great family car! Fully equipped! What a bargain! #5160  
Was \$15,988 Blowout Price

**2003 BUICK RENDEZVOUS**  
One owner trade in, CX Plus pkg., lots of extras and only 7,000 miles! Like brand new! Was \$29,500 Slicker! Price new! #20242-1  
Was \$22,988 Blowout Price

**2002 CHEVY IMPALA**  
Beautiful! Just to new car in excellent condition! A real bargain! #20407-1  
Was \$12,988 Blowout Price

**2002 DODGE STRATUS SE PLUS**  
No Money Down! \$219/MO. WITH APPROVED CREDIT TIER  
V-6, loaded, clean as a whistle! Only 8,000 miles! #20258-1  
Was \$14,988 Blowout Price

**2001 OLDSMOBILE AURORA**  
Awesome white diamond with power moonroof! All the goodies!  
A peach! #5048  
Was \$19,988 Blowout Price

**2001 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE**  
Awesome! Leather, power moonroof, chrome wheels, much more!  
Only 27,000 miles! #5059 Was \$17,988 Blowout Price

**2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT**  
V6 with air, auto, lots of power options, power sunroof, chrome wheels, lots more only 35,000 miles  
Was \$15,988 Blowout Price

**2001 BUICK CENTURY**  
Buy for \$199/mo. Lease for \$199/mo.  
Real nice car at a great price! #10900-1  
Was \$11,988 Blowout Price

**2001 CHEVY PRIZM**  
Auto, With Air, Only 26,000 Miles! A bargain! #5098  
Was \$9,988 Blowout Price

**2000 PONTIAC GRAND AM**  
SE, 4 DR, nice car! #20300-1  
Was \$4,988 Blowout Price

**1999 CHRYSLER SEBRING CONVERTIBLE**  
SPECIAL CAR OF THE WEEK  
Really Sharp & Clean! Looks Brand New!  
#5078-1 Was \$13,988 Blowout Price

**1999 OLDSMOBILE ALEKO**  
2 dr coupe - very clean V6, GL pkg. Auto, looks great, runs great!  
#20033-2 Was \$7,488 Blowout Price

**1998 DODGE STRATUS**  
Nice car at a great price! #20182-1  
Was \$5,988 Blowout Price

**1998 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
Cute little red 2 door coupe, auto, air, very nice! #5163-1  
Was \$5,988 Blowout Price

**1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Very nice, locally owned car. Has a few miles but these seem to last forever!  
Great gas mileage, too! #20201-1  
Was \$7,988 Blowout Price

**1993 OLDS CIERA**  
Nice Car, New Motor! #5130-1  
Was \$2,988 Blowout Price

**2004 CHEVY EXPRESS VAN ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
LS, very clean and nice! Check out this bargain! #20431-1  
Almost \$37,000 brand new! #5199  
Was \$31,988 Blowout Price

**2003 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT 4X4**  
LT with leather, Z71, loaded with protec computer box! #19997-1  
Was \$31,988 Blowout Price

**2003 PONTIAC AZTEK ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
Best value going on a 4x4 or AWD vehicle! #30,000! #5178  
Was \$17,988 Blowout Price

**2003 PONTIAC MONTANA ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
Go anywhere you want! #5097  
Was \$25,988 Blowout Price

**2003 CHEVY VENTURE EXTENDED**  
LS model, beautiful van! Almost \$30,000 brand new! #5136  
Was \$21,988 Blowout Price

**2003 CHEVY TRACKER 4 DR. 4X4**  
Nicely equipped! #19853-1  
Was \$15,988 Blowout Price

**2002 OLDS SILHOUETTE GLS PREMIER**  
All wheel drive! What an awesome van for a family in Northern Michigan! Rear DVD entertainment, leather, the works! #5197  
Was \$23,988 Blowout Price

**2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
5 cyl., power seat, CD, lots of extras! Only 25,000 miles! #5069  
Was \$22,988 Blowout Price

**2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4**  
Z-71, loaded! Popular power color, \$35,000 brand new! #20228-1  
Was \$24,988 Blowout Price

**2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB**  
2-wheel drive, V8, LS, lots of equipment! Popular "power" color!  
#20006-1 Was \$21,988 Blowout Price

**2002 GMC SONOMA**  
Ext. Cab 4x4, low miles! Nice! #5790  
Was \$16,988 Blowout Price

**2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 4X4 EXT**  
3 seater! LT model with lots of optional! Optional majestic red color!  
Clean as a whistle and only 13,000 miles! #5104  
Was \$27,988 Blowout Price

**2002 JEEP WRANGLER X**  
4x4, hardtop, V6, slick, roof rack, very sharp! Has some miles but the price reflects it! #20156-1  
Was \$14,988 Blowout Price

**2001 CHEVY S10 EXT CAB**  
2 wheel Drive, auto, air, nice truck! Low miles! #5171  
Was \$13,988 Blowout Price

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE LT 4X4**  
Leather, Power Sunroof, loaded! Brand new tires! #5186  
Was \$23,988 Blowout Price

**2001 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Great for the family, nice! GM Certified! #66678  
Was \$14,988 Blowout Price

**Clean Trucks, Vans, SUVs Under \$10,000**

**1999 CHEVROLET VENTURE EXTENDED**  
LS, very clean and nice! Check out this bargain! #20431-1  
Was \$6,988 Blowout Price

**1998 FORD WINDSTAR**  
Nice Van for family or business! Only 85,000 miles!  
#5100 Was \$10,988 Blowout Price

**1997 JEEP WRANGLER**  
Soft top, really sharp! Only 85,000 miles!  
#5100 Was \$10,988 Blowout Price

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
2 Dr., Nice, clean, auto, low miles! #4957-1  
Was \$6,988 Blowout Price





*A publication of the Crawford County Avalanche*



# Scheer Motors

**Owner:**

Brad Scheer

**Founder:**

Bill Scheer

**Type of Business:**

Your only original, locally owned & operated car dealership with, new & used cars and trucks. Full mechanical & body repair facilities.

**Brands of Products:**

Chevy, Olds, Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac, Chrysler, Dodge & Jeep

**Community Activities:**

Chamber Member, Annual Sponsor of Athena Award, Milltown Festival Car Show Sponsor, and AuSable River Marathon Sponsor.



Scheer Motors is a hometown family dealership founded in 1965. The original dealership was located at the current site of Blockbuster Video until 1972 when it moved to its present location. Since then it has gone through many expansions and renovations but has never lost its hometown roots.

We have sold over 20,000 cars and trucks over the years and we are very proud to say that approximately 98% of what is paid to Scheer Motors goes back out in the form of wages, expenses and other costs of sales.

When you deal in your hometown you are keeping your hard-earned dollars at work for your local community. And by the way, we pledge to do our part by beating the price of any or all out-of-town dealers. Just give us a chance to prove it and you'll be helping out Grayling at the same time! We also pledge to give you special hometown attention when it comes to service. We have all the factory tools and training we need. Our high GM and Chrysler Service Satisfaction scores prove that we are committed.

Please accept our heart felt Thanks to all of our customers and please allow us to invite you to let us prove that we can and will save you money. Remember, it's a win-win situation for all of us when you deal right here in Grayling.



Oldsmobile

BREAK THROUGH

CHEVROLET

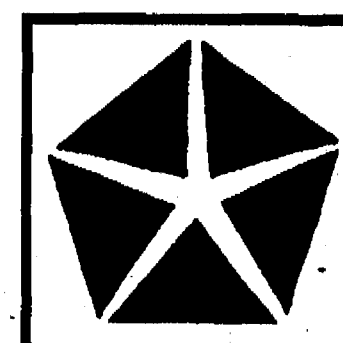


BUICK

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN STYLE



# SCHEER MOTORS



CHRYSLER  
DODGE  
JEEP

GM Certified  
USED VEHICLE

THE RIGHT WAY, THE RIGHT CAR.

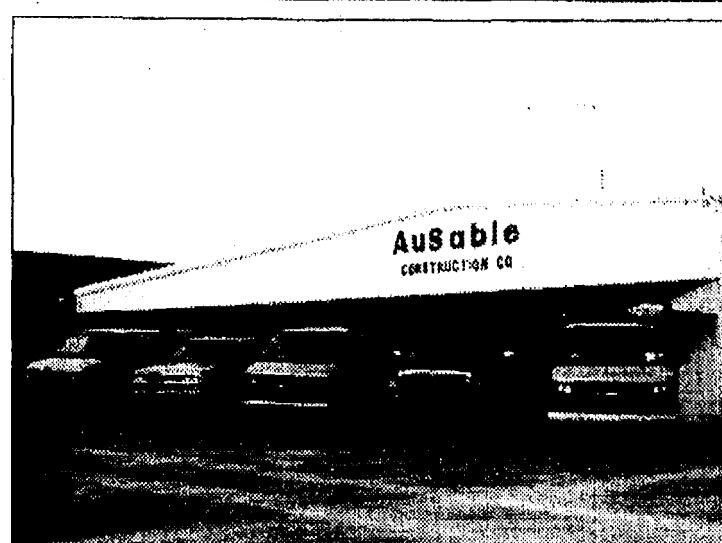
Hours: Monday 8-8; Tuesday-Friday 8-6; Saturday 9-2

I-75 BUSINESS LOOP • GRAYLING, MI 49738 • 989-348-5451 • 1-800-968-8848

E-mail: [Scheer2@scheermotors.com](mailto:Scheer2@scheermotors.com) • Web site: [www.scheermotors.com](http://www.scheermotors.com)



## AUSABLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.



For over 28 years, AuSable Construction has offered northern Michigan quality built projects. Being a locally owned and community oriented business has allowed our company to continue providing our customers excellence in service and craftsmanship. From the Mount Hope Lutheran Church

in the 70's, to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in the new millennium, and our thousands of commercial and residential projects in between, our experience speaks for itself. Contact us today for an estimate on your next project. No residential or commercial project too small!

Owners:	Bill Weaver, President and Larry Ostrowski, Vice President
Founded:	Incorporated in 1976
Type of Business:	General Contractor including commercial & residential building, additions, remodeling, roofing, siding, insulation, windows, garages and decks.
Brands of Products:	Andersen windows, Therma-Tru doors, Norandex premium vinyl siding, etc. We can suggest and provide you with many quality products to compliment your building project.
Specialties/Services:	Design Build. Licensed and Insured.
Professional Associations:	Member of Associated Builders & Contractors, Member of North Central Michigan Home Builders Association, Member of National Association of Home Builders, Member of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Member of U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
Community Activities:	Bill Weaver is a 4-H Archery - Level 2 Instructor, Vice President of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, and Vice President of Bears Bowman. Larry Ostrowski is past President of the Grayling Garden Club and a member of the Harbor Beach Association.
Slogan:	Our Business is Building



2342 Industrial Street  
P.O. Box 594, Grayling, MI 49738  
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(989) 348-5477  
www.ausableconstruction.com

## Grayling Family Dentistry

### LOOSE DENTURES?

**Now you can have what you crave!**

With new mini dental implant technology you can enjoy secure eating comfort again.

*In one short procedure you can have a stable denture with no surgical sutures nor the typical months of healing.*

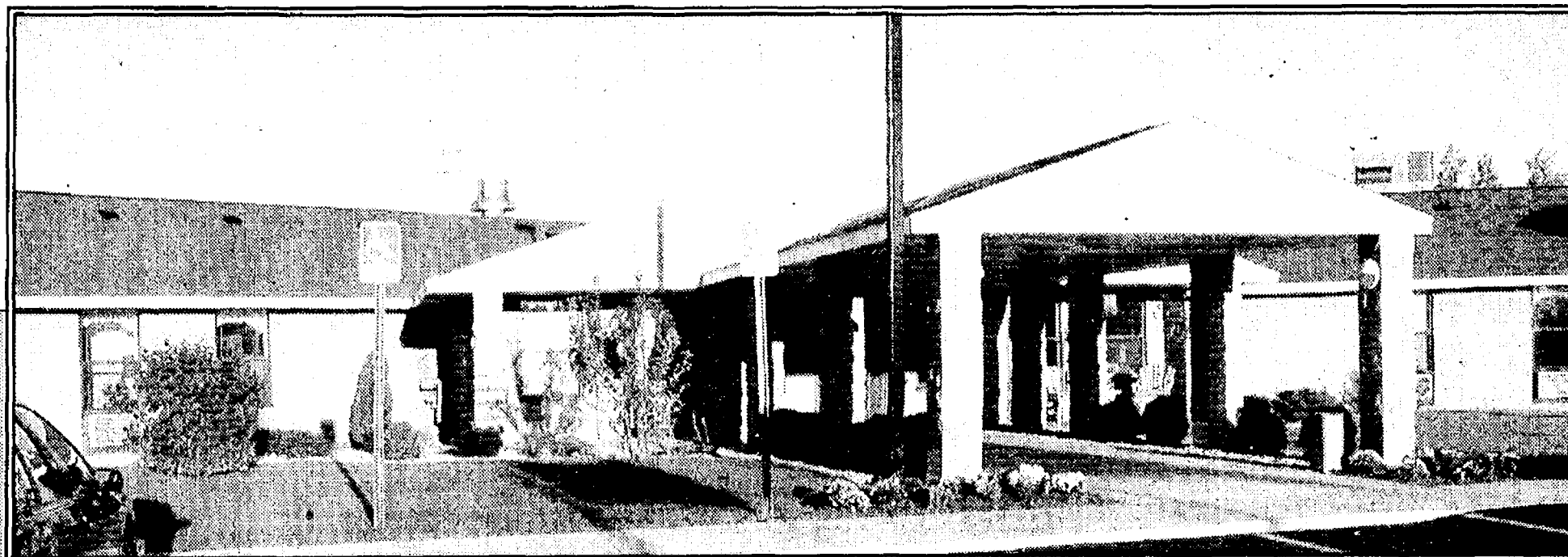
**CALL FOR YOUR  
COMPLIMENTARY CONSULTATION**

**Grayling Family  
Dentistry**  
**989-348-4300**

C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S.  
1664 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
Grayling, MI 49738



## Grayling Nursing Centre



**Company Name:** Grayling Nursing Centre

**Address:** 331 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738 • (989) 348-2801

**Hours:** 24 Hours a day skilled Nursing Care

**Owners:** Community Centre Group, Marilyn Heard, Executive Director

**Founded:** New ownership on October 1, 1999

**Principal Activity:** 24 Hour Nursing Care, Nursing Facility

**We offer:** Complete care for the elderly, and those needing rehab therapies after illness or surgery.

**Specialties:** Daily planned activities to stimulate the mind, body and spirit. Planned therapeutic meals, 24 hour nursing care, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and support group for Alzheimer's disease.

We accept Veterans, BCBS, Medicare, Medicaid and other private insurances.

**Professional Associations:** Member of Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Senior Companion Program and Health Care Association of Michigan.

**Community Activities:** Participate in American Cancer Society Events, Alzheimer Association events. Location of the 2003 Crawford County Relay for Life Event for American Cancer Society.

**Slogan:** Professional Care, Personal Caring

**About us:** In 1999 the facility was purchased by Community Centre Group. A complete renovation of the facility was completed in 2002. Family satisfaction surveys completed this year with 100% satisfaction. Compliant with State and Federal surveys, rules and regulations.

Community  
Centre Group





## The Icehouse Quilt Shop



The Icehouse Quilt Shop was founded in 1980 by Dave and Jill Wyman and has catered to the many needs of quilters and crafters from Grayling to Australia. In January 2001, the family business was purchased by her daughter, Ali Baynham, and her husband, Ted. Ali's mother helped her create her first star-design quilt when she was just 10 years old, so the shop has been passed on to quite capable hands.

Housed in a historic ice storage building that serviced dining cars for the Pennsylvania Railroad, The Icehouse Quilt Shop is a warm, friendly and colorful place, stocked ceiling to floor with vibrant fabrics, patterns, books, kits, notions and gift items. And, some days it is filled with the hum of sewing machines when the very popular quilting classes are in session. It is a breathtaking quilter's wonderland.

Ali says some customers just come in because they say they need an "Icehouse Day" - to regain their sanity in this busy world of ho-hum routines and stress. You, too, are invited to come wrap yourself in the homespun warmth of an Icehouse Day!

The Icehouse Quilt Shop is a member of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Promotional Association and Grayling Uptown District Association.



**The Icehouse Quilt Shop is located at:**

509 Norway Street  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Ph: (989) 348-4821

Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit our website at: [www.theicehousequiltshop.com](http://www.theicehousequiltshop.com)

## Comfort Center No 2 Inc.



<b>Owner:</b>	Luke & Pauline & Luke II & Tammy Petrosky
<b>Founded:</b>	April 1975
<b>Type of Business:</b>	Retail Furniture & Bedding
<b>Brands of Products:</b>	Serta, Flexsteel, Lane, Best Chair Co., Marshfield, McKinley Leather
<b>Specialties/Services:</b>	Free Delivery & Set Up
<b>Community Activities:</b>	Rotary Club, K of C, ABWA, Eagles, Chamber of Commerce
<b>Slogan:</b>	We furnish the <i>comfort</i> , the <i>rest</i> is up to you!

**We are celebrating our 30th anniversary in Grayling.**

**Have you been to the Comfort Center lately?**

1-800-968-8765

989-348-2961

Grayling

West M-72, 1 Mile

(next to Sears)



Since 1974

**Hours:**

Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Great Lakes Mortgage



**Company Name:** Great Lakes Mortgage Services

**Located:** In the original Temple Theater built in 1908, formerly Jansen's Plumbing & Heating

**Owners:** Tim Williams/ Branch manager Tony Ellis.

**Founded:** Great Lakes Mortgage Services Grayling Branch was founded in May 2003

**Principal Business/Classification:** Mortgage Brokers

**Brands of Products:** Our Brands of products is Mortgages, mortgages & more mortgages, all sorts and all kinds.

**Specialties/Services:** At Great Lakes Mortgage Services, we specialize in meeting your needs, not ours. We have a great 0 down purchase program and we are able to make refinancing fast & easy.

**Professional Associations:** Chamber Member

**Community Activities:** We are involved in Project Graduation & think it's a great program.

**Motto/Slogan:** "A guide in the right direction."



501 N. James St. Suite B,  
Grayling  
(989) 348-7500  
1-866-948-7500



# RE/MAX®

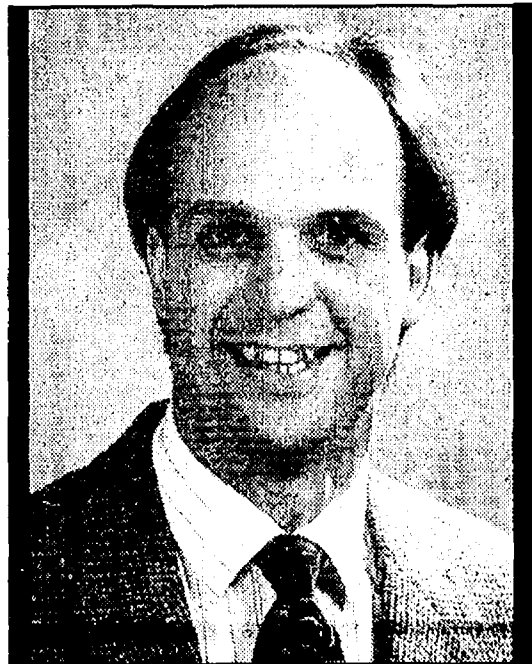
# RE/MAX® OF GRAYLING

**EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED**

1996 marked the opening of Re/Max of Grayling, combining forces of two of the top real estate agents in Crawford County-Craig Hinkle and Charlene Scheer. Under one roof we have been able to take advantage of each other's strengths. With strong business ethics and morals it took very little time for this new company to rise . . .

*Above  
the  
Crowd!*

Now in our 8th year of business, our staff has combined a total of 60 years of real estate experience. We are "Outstanding Agents with outstanding results that knows the real estate market." Isn't it time you got to know us?



**Craig Hinkle**  
*Broker/Owner*

Has 25 years of real estate experience. Craig is a State Licensed Appraiser, has achieved the Platinum Club Award in 1998-2002, and has been #3 in transactions in 1998 and in 2002 for Re/Max Agents regionally. Craig has a background in finance, investment & appraisal through classes at Central Michigan University. "Congratulations to the sales & support staff at Re/Max of Grayling, we experienced our best year in 2002. I believe this was coupled by favorable interest rates and our agents local market knowledge."

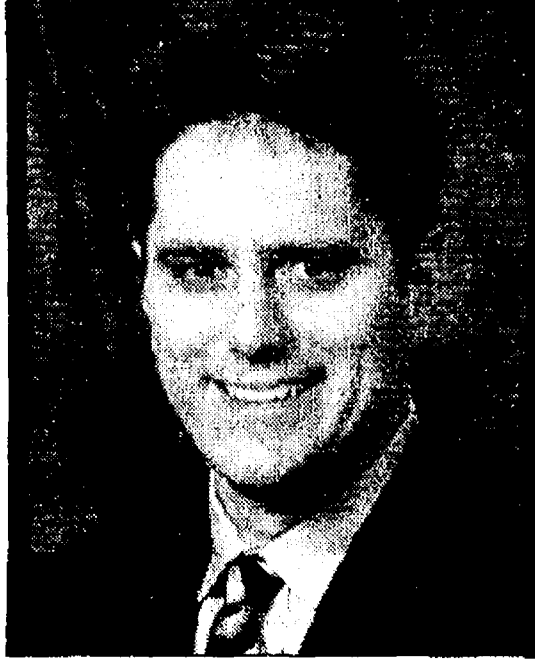
Email: [cehinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:cehinkle@hotmail.com).



**Charlene Scheer**  
*Broker/Owner*

Has 15 years of real estate experience. Charlene is a Limited Real Estate Appraiser, ABR, CRB, CRS, and GRI and has earned the 100% Club, Executive Club, President's Club and has a business background. "Expect the best service and satisfaction. Our designations qualify us to provide you with the best Real Estate Service." Charlene also enjoys working with the public and strives in customer satisfaction.

Email: [charlene@freeway.net](mailto:charlene@freeway.net).



**Fred Fisher**  
*Sales Associate*

Has 2 year of real estate experience. He has won the Re/Max President Club Award. "As the most recent addition, I believe my fresh enthusiasm combined with the expertise of the finest brokers, agents, and support staff in the county make Re/Max of Grayling the winning team."

Email: [FredTFisher@remax.net](mailto:FredTFisher@remax.net)

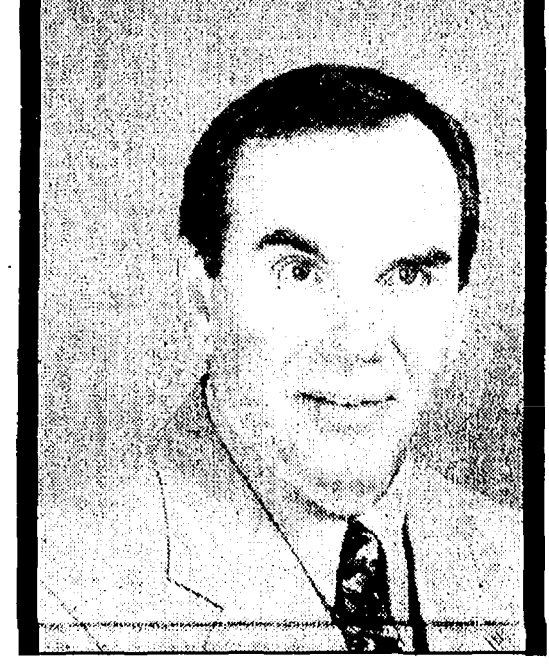


**Tom Slavens**  
*Sales Associate*

Has 7 years of real estate experience.

"See me for your real estate needs."

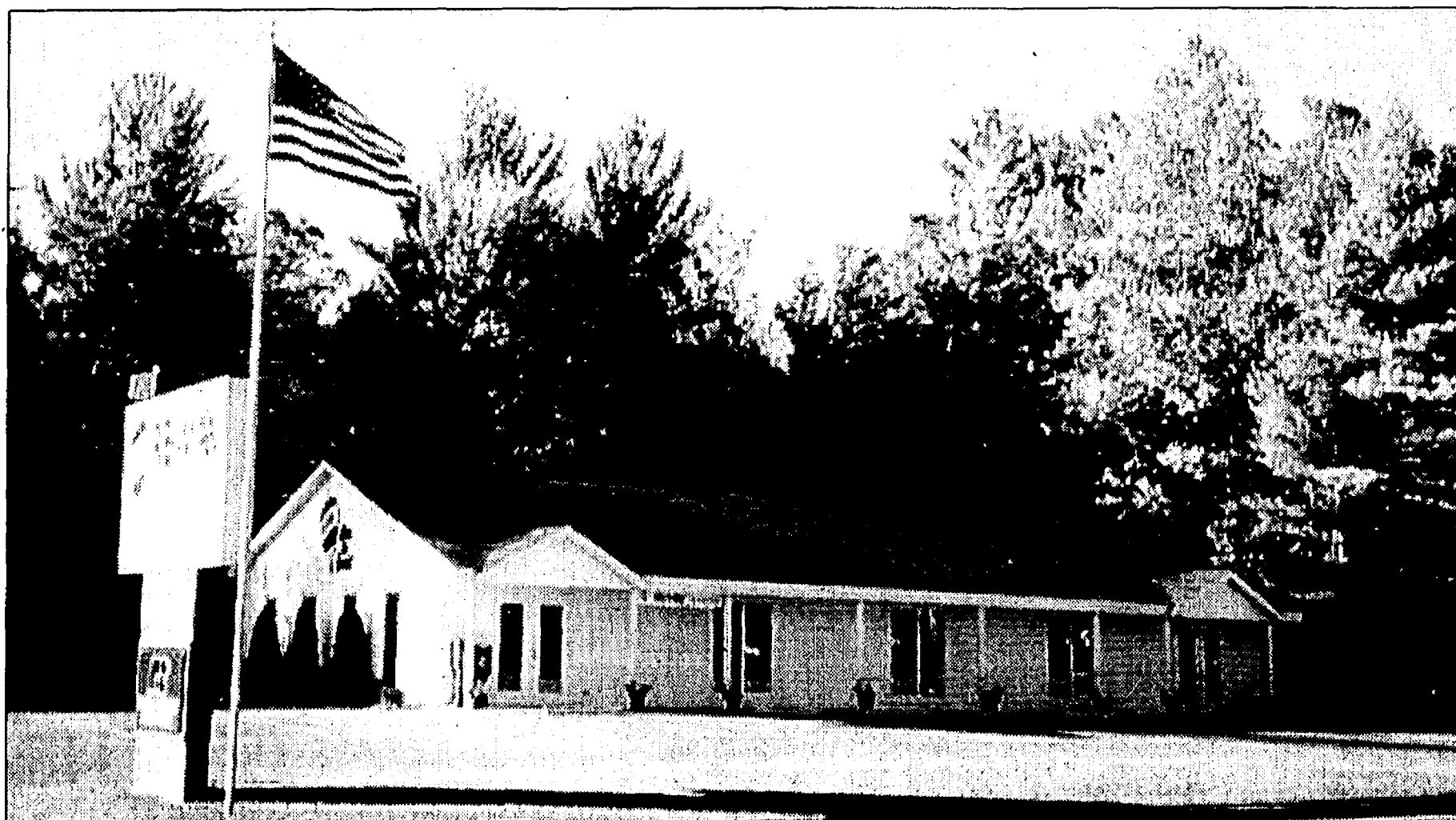
Email: [tslavens@i2k.net](mailto:tslavens@i2k.net)



**Gary Boyd**  
*Associate Broker*

Has 11 years of real estate experience. He has received the Re/Max Executive Club Award for 5 years and the Re/Max 100% Club Award for 2 years. Gary is also a graduate of Clio High School and attended Ferris State and Flint Jr. College with a major in Business Administration

Email: [gboyd@freeway.net](mailto:gboyd@freeway.net)



**Let our knowledge, our experience and our resources work for you.**





## HOLIDAY INN of Grayling

### *Proud of the past...*

Built in 1972, Holiday Inn has long been a Grayling landmark, greeting visitors to the area as they enter our community. Holiday Inn has always been involved with the community, participating in numerous local organizations, events and fundraisers. When present owners Ralph and Zuhair Ayar purchased Holiday Inn in 1997, they pledged to continue to uphold the outstanding reputation established during the hotel's first 27 years, supporting the local community and providing only the best of service to all guests of the facility.



### *...focused on the future.*

The Holiday Inn staff looks forward to meeting the needs of everyone who walks through our doors. Guests will enjoy a relaxing stay in one of our 151 clean, comfortable rooms. Families will find fun in our Holidome, whether it be in our indoor pool, kiddie pool, whirlpool or sauna. Kids love the indoor playground and kids of all ages can take advantage of our game room and indoor activities. The Crawford Station Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner including our famous Prime Rib and Seafood buffet every Saturday night, in a casual northern atmosphere. At the end of the day unwind in the Speak Easy Saloon, dancing to the tunes of live entertainment Thursday through Saturday. Conference and meeting space is also available for 4 to 400 people with catering service on and off site. The Sales department can make all your meeting arrangements as well as customize a golf, canoe or weekend packages.

Holiday Inn is proud to be an integral part of the Grayling community, and looks forward to serving the area for many years to come. We are pleased to welcome visitors to the Grayling area and strive to make every stay an enjoyable experience.

*We have it all under one roof!*

*Whether you're planning a family get-away or a convention, we can service all your needs!*

**Holiday Inn®**

2650 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-7611 or 800-292-9055

## Crawford County Avalanche

***Celebrating 125 Years!***  
***Crawford***  
***County's***  
***Hometown***  
***Newspaper***  
***Since 1879***

*Read the*

**ewspaper**

**Subscribe Today!**

**(989) 348-6811**

***Visit us on the Internet!***

**[avalanche.townnews.com](http://avalanche.townnews.com)**

**AVALANCHE**

**102 Mich. Ave. • Grayling • 348-6811**



## MERCY

### MERCY AMICARE HOMECARE & HOSPICE

and

### MERCY HEALTHCARE AT HOME



Mary Beth Bradley, Spiritual Care/  
Bereavement Coordinator and Faith Stripe



Barbra Ressler and  
Paul Drew, Physical Therapist

201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On-call available 24 hours, 7 days/week.

*Serving 9 counties since 1986. 24 hours a day - 365 days a year. For further information or to arrange for Amicare services, please call: (989) 348-4348 or (800) 424-1457.*

*Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is a part of Trinity Home Health Services, a non-profit organization owned and operated by Trinity Health Services and affiliated with Mercy Hospital Grayling, offering home healthcare including nursing, therapy, hospice, bereavement, and social work services.*

*Mercy Healthcare At Home is also a part of Trinity Home Health Services, providing private duty services to those clients needing occasional to full-time services in the home.*

*Homecare services include: Skilled Nursing, IV Therapy, Social Work, Nutrition, Speech, Physical, Occupational, and Enterostomal Therapy.*

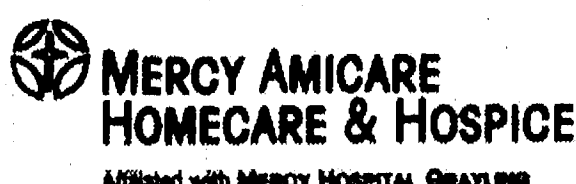
*Hospice services include: Skilled Nursing, Instruction for Family, Trained Volunteers, Bereavement Counseling, Home Health Aides, Family Counseling, Community Resource Assistance, Spiritual Support, Respite Care, Pain Management, and Emotional Support.*

*Mercy Healthcare At Home offers: Light Housekeeping, Home Health Aides, Companionship, Respite Care, and Nursing Services.*

*Participation in community health by offering blood pressure screenings, bereavement support groups, and annual memorial service.*

#### Our Mission Statement

*We serve together at Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice in Trinity Health, in the spirit of the Gospel, to heal body, mind and spirit, to improve the health of our communities and steward the resources entrusted to us.*



Affiliated with MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING



A member of Trinity Health

## CHEMICAL BANK



**Founded:** September 1979

**Principal Activity:** Bank

**Products:** Checking, savings, loans, investments, and trust services.

**Specialties:** ChemFree checking, free financial consultation with an investment specialist, competitive loan rates, merchant services, and professional service.

**Professional Associations:** Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Tri-Lakes Home Builders, Habitat for Humanity, Michigan Works, FIA, Grayling Housing Commission and Crawford County Housing Commission

**Community Activities:** GPA, Kiwanis, Rotary and Relay For Life.

**Slogan:** Where to Bank Across Michigan.

**About us:** Our 133 offices cover 33 counties across Michigan with ATM machines at most locations. This feature allows customers convenient service during travel while retaining a hometown community atmosphere. Stop in to see our variety of products designed to fit your needs.



**CHEMICAL BANK**

*We think you'll like the chemistry.*

MEMBER FD.I.C. / EQUAL HOUSING, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER

www.chemicalbankmi.com

2500 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Grayling, MI 49738

**(989) 348-6511**

Hours: Lobby 9-4:30 M-Th.,  
9-6 Fri.

Drive Thru 8:30-5:30 M-Th.,  
8:30-6 Fri., 9-12:30 Sat.

## AUSABLE FAMILY DENTAL, P.C.

234 E. MICHIGAN AVE

GRAYLING, MI 49738

**(989) 344-2525**

**Owner:** Ralph Oppermann, D.D.S.

**Founded:** June 2003

We offer complete dental care for the entire family

AuSable Family Dental Offers Family Dentistry: dentures, extractions, bridges, root canals, cleaning, fillings, crowns, & whitening

**Professional Associations:** American Dental Association/Michigan Dental Association/Academy of General Dentistry

**About us:** Ralph is a Grayling High School grad. After dental school, spent 6 years working in public health for Sault Tribe in Sault Ste. Marie. Ralph decided to move "home" to start his own practice and raise his two daughters with wife Cari (also Grayling High School grad). Very happy with response from patients and community welcoming us. "We are very happy to be Back home in Grayling and overwhelmed by the response from patience and friends welcoming us back."

**Community Activities:** Cari - board member for Grayling Recreation Authority & Downtown Development Authority.



**AuSable Family  
Dental, P.C.**



# Scott McNamara Ford Mercury



Scott McNamara, Grayling

**Owner:** Scott McNamara  
**Founded:** Roscommon 1992 & Gladwin 2000 & Grayling 2002.

**Type of Business:** Ford - Mercury Dealership

**Brands of Products:**

Genuine Ford, Lincoln &

Mercury parts & service. New Ford & Mercury vehicles, all brands of used vehicles.

**Specialties/Services:** Won Ford Motor Company's highest honor - the President's Award 4 years in a row!

**Community Activities:** Major sponsor of many local charities and events.

**Motto/Slogan:** "Fastest Growing Dealership in the North!"



Scott McNamara, Roscommon



Scott McNamara

**"We're a family of lifetime employees serving a family of lifetime customers."**

Scott started out at age 15 working as a porter/car washer at a dealership in metro Detroit. After working his way up the ladder to general sales manager at age 24, he got a chance to realize his lifelong dream to own his own dealership in Roscommon in 1992. He since has purchased the Gladwin Dealership in 2000 and the Grayling Store in December, 2002. Scott has a strong commitment to customer satisfaction and has been awarded the President's Award - Ford Motor Company's highest honor for 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

## Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.



**QUALITY CARE**  
Where The Quality Continues.

### NOW 3 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

I-75 Business Loop, Grayling  
(989) 348-3242

3405 S. M-18, Gladwin,  
(989) 426-9218

M-18 I-75 Business Loop, Roscommon  
(989) 275-8922



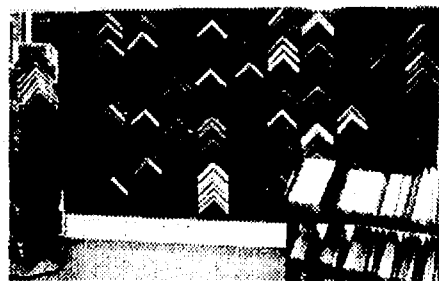
# Fannie Finn



## Faces

Quality Studio & On-Location  
Portraiture, High School Senior,  
Passport & Publicity, Copy &  
Restoration, Commercial,  
Aerial, & Industrial

Professional Photography by Doug Meroney



## Frames

Over 500 wood & metal moulding samples  
& over 700 matte samples to choose from for  
the perfect custom framing combination.  
From simple to ornate, from minimal to  
victorian, fine art preservation is assured.

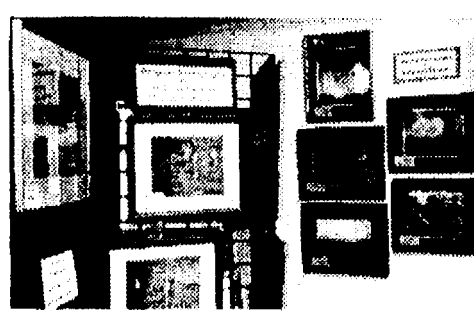
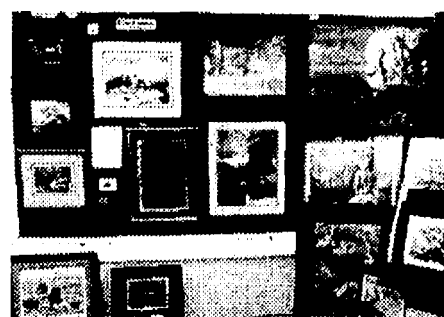
## Other Finery

Local Artist Gallery featuring Award Winning Wildlife Artist

**Kim Diment.**

Other local artists, Rod Lawrence, William Koehler, & Edward Elsner  
have their wildlife art and Michigan scenic photography on display.

Artist-in-Residence, Joan Dickerson-Peters, shows her unique  
Poetry, photography and all occasion cards.



Meet Kim Diment at Fannie Finn's each morning to discuss your framing project.

**Hours:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday - Saturday  
Sundays and after hours by appointment

Come in, relax & have a cup of tea & Meet Your Friends at Fannie Finn's



## Fannie Finn's

**Faces, Frames & Other Finery**  
203 Michigan Avenue, Grayling  
(989) 344-7444

# Bell Hearing Center

**Owner:** Edna Bell and Sheila Bell

**Hours:** Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9 to 5; Winter Hours  
until April 6th 9 to 4

**Founded:** October 1996

**Type of Business:** Hearing Aid Sales and Service,  
Hearing Aid Specialist/Dealer

**Brands of Products:** We work with many companies.

**Specialties/Services:** Hearing Screenings and tests,  
hearing aid repairs, consultations, fitting of new aids.

**Professional Associations:** IHHIS - International  
Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies, IHAS -  
International Hearing Aid Society and we work with  
most insurance companies.

**Community Activities:** We visit 9 different Senior  
Centers throughout the year, health fairs and AFC  
Homes.



L-R: Sheila Bell and Edna Bell

**Motto:** Hear for you &  
Hearing Help is Here.

**About Us:** State certified  
and licensed with 23 years  
experience. Very friendly  
service by professionals  
who really care about your  
hearing health.



## BELL HEARING CENTER

2874 M-72 S.E., P.O. Box 532 • Kalkaska, MI 49646  
231-258-6577 • 888-556-0025

# Sno-Trac Village

## ABOUT US

60 acres with log cabin purchased in 1965 started business in 1967 with 6 camping sites, snowmobile service, parts & fuel. From 1967 to 1971 the business was open all summer, but weekends only through the winter. The first of many expansions started in 1970 by moving to a new service shop. In 1972, 30 campsites, a shower house, storage facilities & a large combination building added to that shop. Eventually the 85x50 building became our Service Center, Parts department, and Park Store. Cabins were added in the mid eighties along with a second floor recreation room and lounge. By the nineties, a 600 S.F. wash-down room was added to the latest shop, a new Park Store & office were put into changed spaces, and two group camping areas were added. By 2001, 24 additional campsites were constructed, road changes were made and a section of the original sites was enlarged. Upholstery work was added to our services in 2002 as a part of the on-going 3R's Wooden Boat School. Currently, an enlarged camper lounge with fireplace is under way along with 6 Park Model sites this spring. These leased year-round hillside sites, with beautiful view of the valley, will include a wood deck, patio, full hookup, TV and phone connections, and stairs to a boardwalk winding down to the wildlife pond and the West Branch of the Big Creek trout stream.



**Company Name:** Sno-Trac Village, a group of businesses at one location.

**Address:** 3576 Sno-Trac Trail, Grayling, MI 49738 • 989-348-9494,  
Reservation 800-348-9490, Fax & Village  
dmboatworks@hotmail.com

**Hours:** •Store, Registration Desk, Parts Dept. & Services Center  
10-6 everyday

•Store, Registration Desk, Parts Dept. open until 10 pm Friday &  
Saturday

**Owners:** Ken Distel & Ron Mavis

**Founded:** 1967 as Greenleaf Park with name change to Sno-Trac  
Village in 1971

**Type of Businesses:**

•Sno-Trac Village Campground Resort with Year round camping &  
cabins.

•Sno-Trac Village Sales & Service with indoor storage, gasoline, oil  
& parts.

•CV Construction Co. for CAD design-build construction & remodel-  
ing activities.

•Village Woodcrafter for custom woodworking, cabinets & bandsaw  
mill operation.

•D&M Boat Works for wooden boat repair, rebuilding or restoration.

•3R's Wooden Boat School

•Ron's Upholstery for boat, auto, & Snowmobile upholstery work

**We offer:** Year round camping & cabins and complete snowmobile  
service from a wash job to engine rebuild to full insurance repair on  
all makes and models. plus performance snowmobile fuel, oil, parts,  
permits, indoor storage & trail access. We do not stock clothing and  
accessories, but if it's in Suppliers catalogs we can order it.

**Specialties/Services:** For snowmobiles, we specialize in track clip  
replacement. Using hydraulic tools, we can reclip a complete stan-  
dard track, labor, clips & tax for \$250.00 while you wait. For wood  
boats and other wood projects, we are the mid-Michigan distributor  
for the Smith Company line of epoxy products including CPES™  
**Professional Associations:** Michigan Campground Owners & RV  
Dealers Assoc.; Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce; AuSable  
Valley Snowmobile Assoc.; Michigan Snowmobile Assoc.; Great  
Lakes Cruise Club; Boat/US Waterland chapter of the Antique &  
Classic Boat Society.

**Motto:** Campground: We are "The Great Escape Place Up North"  
Construction: "When Quality Counts - CV Construction"



## Davis Jewelers



**Company:** Davis Jewelers

**Address:** 235 Michigan Avenue, Uptown Grayling

**Hours:** 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Saturday

**Owner:** We are Locally Owned and Operated

**Founded:** 1941

**Type of Business:** Retail Jeweler

**Products:** Alfred Levitt Wedding Collection, Artcarved Bridal, 18K & Platinum Designer Jewelry by Cordova, Kabana Inlaid Opal Jewelry, Reed & Barton Jewelry Chests, Accutron, Citizen & Pulsar Watches.

**Specialties:** Gemologist on premises, custom jewelry design and manufacture, jewelry repair and watch repair.

**Associations:** Gemological Institute of America Alumni Association, National Association of Jewelry Appraisers, Jeweler of America.

**Slogan:** "Wouldn't You Rather Say It Came From Davis."

**About Us:** You're probably familiar with the time honored store front, but have you met all the new friendly faces on the inside. Davis Jewelers is truly a "Gem" of a store right in the "Heart of Grayling" since 1941. We have a very nostalgic look on the inside, an unhurried atmosphere. Remember when people greeted you by your name and a handshake meant something. That's what we at Davis Jewelers are endeavoring to do, create satisfaction, and put the word "personal" back into service. Stop in and say "Hello" and let us know how we can be of service to you.

**Davis**  
Jewelers & Gemologists

*Wouldn't You Rather Say  
"It Came From Davis"*

235 Michigan Avenue • Uptown Grayling

## Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, established in 1942, is a not-for-profit organization with a membership base of 320 members advancing the commercial, industrial, professional and tourism interests in Crawford County. The work of the Chamber is supported by member investments and is independent of all government entities. A volunteer Board of Directors and President, working under the by-laws adopted by the Chamber membership guide the organization.

### 2003 - 2004 Board of Directors

#### Executive Board:

**CHAIRMAN**

Dennis Palmer - M/T Kitchens

**VICE CHAIRMAN**

Janice Rutter-Flowers By Josie

**SECRETARY**

Don Schanz - Associate Member

**TREASURER**

Becky Robinson-Gannon Broadcasting System, Inc

**PAST CHAIR**

Laurie Figley-Milltown Title & Escrow

#### Board Members:

Mary Fox - Mercy Hospital

Sandy Coe - Fay's Motel & Cottages

Jeddy Hood - Flying Fish Lodge

Theresa Kaiser - Huntington Bank

Robert Tomlinson - Woodland Motel

Janet Varney-Small-North Central Credit Union

Bonnie Doremire - Weyerhaeuser Company

Keith Kenney - EZ Built Homes

Luke Petrosky Jr. - Comfort Center

Bob White - Northland Area Federal Credit Union

#### Office Staff:

Tim Zigala-President

Kathy Thomas-Office Coordinator

Marianne Gosnell-Office Coordinator

#### Ex-Officio Members:

Col. Dennis Hull - Camp Grayling

Terry Wright-- Grayling Township

Lynnette Corlew - Crawford Cty Board of Commissioners

Milli Haug - Crawford AuSable Schools

Justin Andre - Grayling Recreational Authority

Kim McClain - City Of Grayling

**City Park, 213 N. James St.  
348-2921**

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is the business and community advocate of Crawford County, focusing on the protection and advancement of economic and business development, community image, natural resources and quality of life of the region.

## Denholm Family Chiropractic P.C.

**Owner:** Dr. Craig B. Denholm

**Founded:** In Practice Since 1984

**Type of Business:** Chiropractic Health Care & Therapeutic Massage.

**Brands of Products:** Chiroflow Cervical Pillows, Standard Process and Biotics Nutritional Supplements, Sleep Well Massage Oils, Foot Levelers Orthotics.

**Specialties/Services:** We specialize in back and neck problems including: headaches, neck stiffness, pain between shoulders, low back pain, hip and leg pain. We help people that have been injured in auto and work accidents.

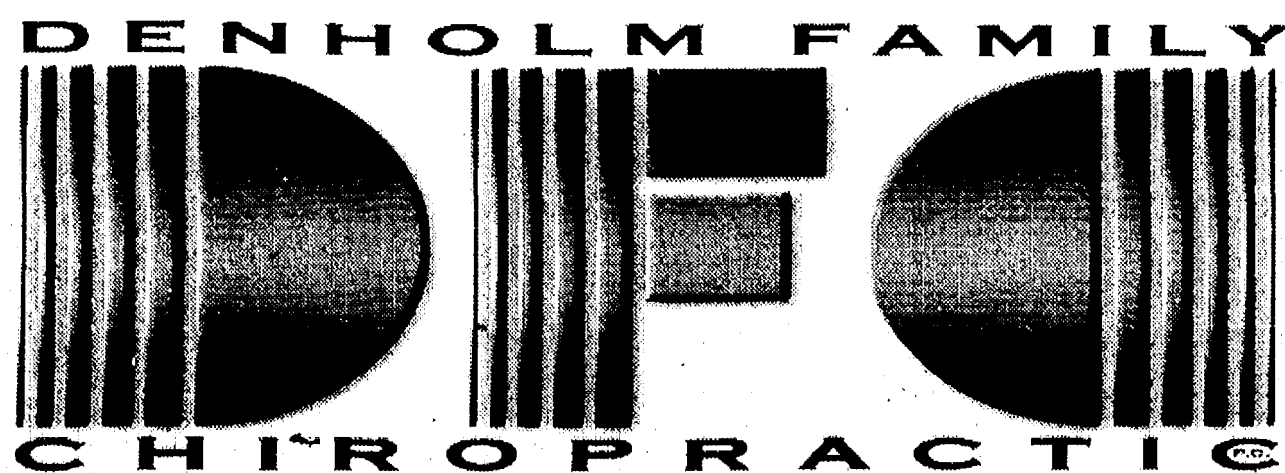
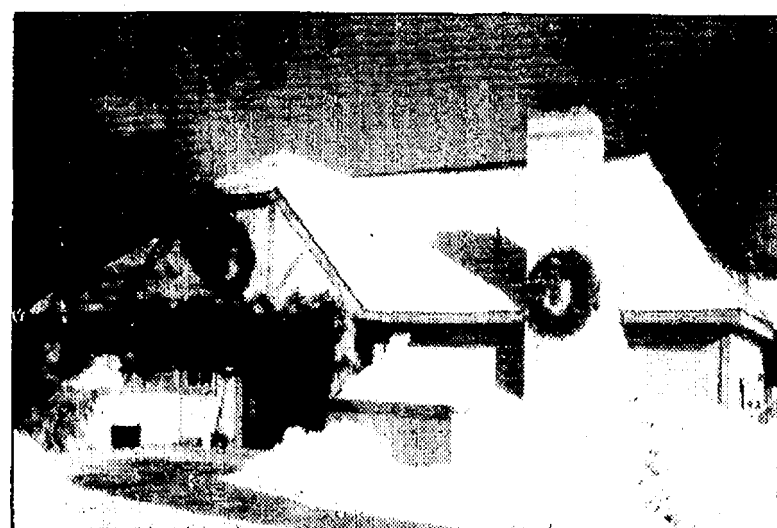
**Professional Associations:** American Chiropractic Association, Michigan Chiropractic Society, American Board of Chiropractic Sports Physicans.

**Community Activities:** Member in the Grayling Rotary, Active in Church youth activities.

**Motto/Slogan:** Striving for excellence in natural health care for the whole family!



Back L-R, Dr. Craig Denholm, CCSP; Susan Denholm, CA;  
Front L-R, Sandi Hasson, MT;  
Veronica Easterly, CA; Toni Dunsmore, MT

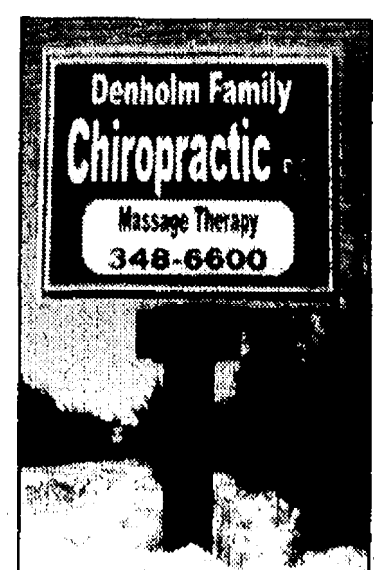


6838 M-93, Highway South • Grayling

Mon-Fri. 9am to 6 pm ~ Thurs. 10am to 1

Sat. by Appointment

989-348-6600 • 888-Denholm (336-4656)





## Hanson Hills Recreation Area



Hanson Hills Recreation Area is a Mecca of winter and summer activities. In the winter 11 slopes for downhill skiing, 35 km of groomed cross country terrain, snow shoeing trail, tubing hill, lessons, and rentals along with a snack bar are available for those snowy

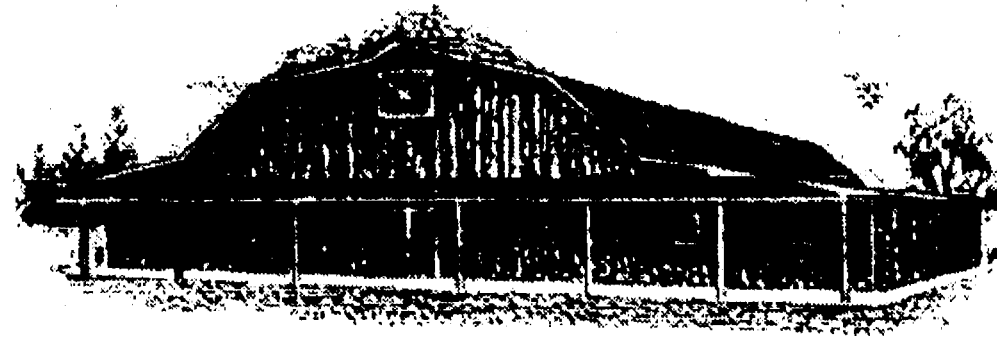
adventures. Summer participants can enjoy over 1500 acres of rolling wooded terrain that incorporate 7 miles of single track mountain bike trails that are designed to challenge every type of rider. Picnic areas, softball and soccer fields help to cater family activities. Hanson Hills is host to a variety of annual events including the Spookfest Halloween party and haunted lodge, Winter Fun Days, G.R.A. 10K, Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classic, Winter Wolf Triathlon, and coming in September 2004 the Michigan Bike Festival.

Hanson Hills Recreation Area is managed and operated by the Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), which is a non-profit organization made up of representatives from Grayling Township, Crawford County, the Crawford AuSable School District and three members at large. The main goal of the Grayling Recreation Authority is to provide quality recreational activities for participants of all ages at a reasonable rate.

Visit Hanson Hills Recreation Area and The Grayling Recreation Authority at [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org) or call 989-348-9266.



## The Ole Barn



Built in 1973 "the barn" on the corner of M-72 West and M-93 just outside the city of Grayling is a known landmark to locals and visitors alike. The Barn was purchased by Greg & Kathy Laudenslager, of Saginaw, MI just this past year. The establishment is now renamed The Ole Barn.

The Ole Barn is known for serving great food and providing weekly entertainment. Daily specials are served throughout the week and anyone seeking entertainment will find it at the Ole Barn. The Ole Barn serves BBQ Ribs on Thursdays, Fish Fry on Fridays and Prime Rib dinners on Saturday.

Thursday nights are always entertaining with Karaoke, open pool and drink specials. Friday and Saturday nights bands from throughout Michigan are booked to provide great entertainment. The variety of bands range from blues, jazz, country, rock, and top 40. The Ole Barn hosts many events throughout the year such as monthly Open Mic Jam Sessions, which is open to the public, family karaoke, a weekend beer tent with entertainment, organizations meetings and parties of all types.

The owners and staff at the Ole Barn look forward to serving everyone who comes through the the doors. We are proud to be a part of the Grayling community and strive to make everyone feel welcome.

Daily Specials

Karaoke - Thursdays

Band - Every Friday & Saturday Night

Booking Parties & Events

**The Ole Barn**

A Dining & Entertainment Establishment

6811 M-72 West

Grayling, MI

348-8999

## Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty



### COLDWELL BANKER CORNELL REALTY

2003 Business Loop I-75 South

PO Box 527-Grayling, MI 497368

989-348-6481 Phone

Cornell Realty has been a piece of Grayling history for 50+ years. Although the business has changed hands a couple of times over the years, the service continues to be top-notch. As current owner, Laurie Jamison strives to maintain a community oriented business with special attention to individual needs of the customer or client. The company now consists of three locations serving Roscommon, Crawford and Kalkaska Counties. The most recent change in the company included opening the third location in Bear Lake Township. The office is located on the corner of M-72 West and W. Bear Lake Rd. (next to the Country Skillet and across the street from Dingman's Bar).

With offices located in the heart of Northern Michigan, Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty is prepared to help customers and clients with properties ranging from single lots up to large lakefront homes. The company has 25 licensed Realtors waiting to provide the quality service you deserve. Stop by one of our locations and join us for a cup of coffee and pleasant conversation. Let us take care of the professional needs of real estate so you can focus on the other important things in your life.



# Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

**Owners:**

Bill and Tim Hart

**Founded:**

August 1, 1998

**Type of Business:**

General Motors New  
Car Dealership

**Brands of Products:**

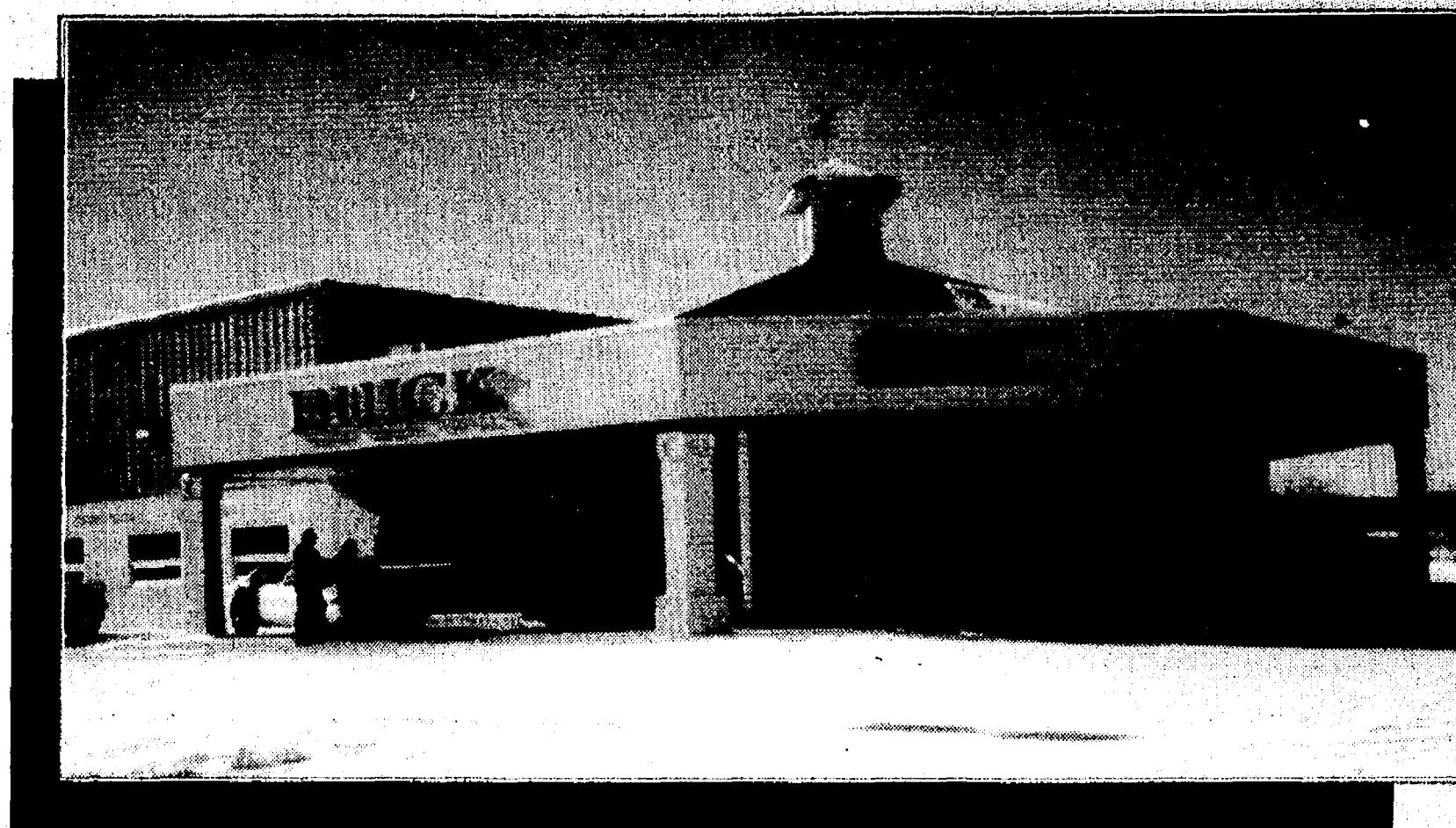
Pontiac, Buick,  
GMC Trucks

**Specialties/Services:** Automotive Service, Sales, and Leasing.  
Walk in service, no appointment necessary. Excellent Service!

**Community Activities:** West Branch Chamber Director, AuSable  
River Canoe Marathon Sponsor, Triple Crown Recreation Authority  
Major Sponsor. Grayling Chamber of Commerce Members.

**Professional Association/Awards:** General Motors 2000-2003  
Mark of Excellence Winner in all 3 Divisions.

**Motto/Slogan/Quote:** Our Service and Professionalism Sells Our  
Cars.



**About Us:** Bill is married to Vickie Larson and they have two children, Eric 19, and Andrew 14. They are members of the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Tim is married to Jan Henderson and they have one child, Timothy II 3 years old.



# HART

3433 W. M-55 • West Branch • East of I-75 • Exit 215  
(ACROSS FROM COYLES RESTAURANT)

989-345-2571 • 1-800-341-HART(4278)